

**EAST HAVEN
OLD CEMETERY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmel Antonucci
Marcia Federico
Cathy Watts
Jim Saccavino
William Jackson, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judy Ruggiero
Peggy Thomas

1. **Call to Order:** Bill Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Carmel made a motion to accept the minutes of May 24, 2012; seconded by Jim. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The checking account balance needs to be corrected from \$4,610.07 to \$4,610.97. The **Balance** is now **\$4,610.97**. Jim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Cathy. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Old Business:** Judy confirmed that ACA Landscaping did complete the sixteen mowings according to their contract. She also sent a letter to Vinny thanking him for his good service. Judy also spoke with Benny, the mason, about the restorations of the stones. He said the job would be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday. She also spoke with Benny regarding the last stone that would be invoiced separately about a price. He has not gotten back to her as yet with a price, but will bring it before the board for approval when she receives this information.

A copy of the new bid from B&R Landscaping for the contract year covering July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 will be mailed to each Old Cemetery board member along with the minutes from the last board meeting.

5. **New Business:** A motion was made to apply for the stipend of \$7,500.00 from the Town of East Haven for the upkeep of the Old Cemetery for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The Town usually holds back \$1,200.00 for the clerking fees. The clerk for the Old Cemetery Board will type a letter to the Finance Department requesting the money on July 2, 2012. Money will be given out on a first come, first serve basis, so this needs to be done as soon as possible. The Old Cemetery Board would be hard pressed without this stipend from the Town to even pay for the yearly landscaping and maintenance. The check, when issued, should be mailed to Judy Ruggiero, the treasurer for the Old Cemetery Board.

Cathy had a discussion at the Historical Society regarding a fund raiser. They thought they could do something at Halloween time at The Old Cemetery. The two organizations would work together and plan the event and share the proceeds. A \$5.00 ticket price could be charged. A tour of the Old Cemetery was done a few years ago and it was very successful. They thought this could be done in conjunction with the Trolley ride. Cathy suggested nothing really frightening, but something fun for the children. Cider and donuts could be served as well. Tickets would be sold prior to the event. The board thought this might be a way to familiarize people in the Town with the Old Cemetery and its history.

Will Henley still has not made contact with Cathy about the information he was supposed to have compiled. She said she would contact Judy to see if she has made any progress in getting a hold of him.

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There was also some discussion among the board members regarding the low bid from B&R Landscaping. The members hope the job can be done to their satisfaction for this low price. Bill said he would monitor the cemetery in the next few months, and if the board is not happy with this company, they will see if this could be put out to bid again. The next bid is for \$8,800.00, which is still much to high.

6. **Adjournment:** Marcia made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.; seconded by Carmel. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Lorene Russell
Board Clerk