

EAST HAVEN OLD CEMETERY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 28, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Old Cemetery Board was held on Thursday, June 28, 2017 in the Mario Giamo Conference Room, Lower Level, Town Hall, 250 Main Street, East Haven at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of the following:

William Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Roll Call, Chairman William Jackson, Judy Ruggiero, James Saccavino, Christen Quijano, and Barbara Buonome. Absent was Dan McCann.

2. Approval of Minutes

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes. James seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Judy Ruggiero stated that she deposited \$75.00 (\$50 from James Saccavino and a donation from Judy Ruggiero of \$25) on the 5/26. Garden of Eden was paid \$1,096.50 which leaves the balance at \$10,105.59. James made a motion to accept. Barbara seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

Christen stated that she found a lot of information on the rose gardens. There are two in American which are called Grave Gardens. There is one in Virginia and one in Sacramento. (Prints out were handed out). Christen would like to do something like this in the Old Cemetery. Suggestions were a rose bush fund raiser for mothers' day next year to raise funds or a donation collection to purchase rose bushes to plant along the fence line. The board was interested but suggested that Christen run it and she be in charge. Judy's concern was that when they mow they mow like cowboys. Christen suggested that someone speak with the mowers to mow properly if this was done. Christen stated that the fence line if she were to move forward would be the best placement. Christens goal is to attract more people into the Old Cemetery as it is full of

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history for the younger as well as the current generation. Christen suggested joining with other clubs to join us to attract more people. Temple Smith the clerk stated that she would be happy to help Christen if this was something she decided to do. Barbara stated that there are some beautiful ones by the fountain and they even survive in the sand. Barbara will find out the name of those roses.

Judy stated that they received a thank you from the animal shelter for the donation. Judy would like to get their permission to put the thank you letter in the paper. Judy stated that they have \$730 set aside for stone restoration all they need is \$270 more to have more work to be done. Barbara makes a motion that they take \$270 to begin stone restoration. Judy stated that with the money we saved from the landscaping we could use that savings to have a few more stones done as well. All were in favor. The audit is completed and the balance is fine with bank statements.

5. New Business

Judy stated that she received a bill from Garden of Eden. He stated that on May 1st he went down for spring cleaning. He stated that he picked up the bulk of it and it being such a large area and will continue picking up through the season. Judy stated that this is not how it works. Judy went to the cemetery and she was so upset as to how bad it looked. Judy called Bob Parente down to take a look at it, he walked around with Judy and she showed him how bad it was. Judy then wrote Garden of Eden a letter stating what was not done. Garden of Eden stated that now that they know how many men it takes he will do a better job. Judy wrote back and stated that it was totally unacceptable and what a mess it was and went back with each date he stated on what was done and Judy replied with what was not done as he stated. Judy is holding back the May payment until what he stated was done is actually completed. Judy stated it must be completed by the end of June and if he has a problem to call the Finance Department – Mr. Paul Rizza. Judy called Candy and asked how does she pay a May bill when the work is done in June. Candy suggested paying May but to ask him to knock money of June. Before Judy could do that, Garden of Eden already stated that there would be no charge for June. Judy wrote him a letter and complimented Garden of Eden after the job was done as well as making an adjustment in his billing for the June clean up. Judy wrote him another letter on the 24th regarding the bid and two year option at the same price to see if he wanted to continue. Garden of Eden called Judy and was interested in putting the bid in again for \$5200.00 told him to stop in Town Hall to be considered in the additional bids for the forthcoming season.

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Chairman, Bill Jackson opens and reads the bids to the board.

Garden of Eden	\$5,800
Palma Landscaping	\$6,000
Toms Lawn Service	\$6,800
Coyle	\$6,800
B&R Landscaping	\$8,000

The board voted to keep Garden of Eden. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

6. Adjournment

Judy Ruggiero made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Barbara Buonome seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Temple Smith, OCB Clerk