

**EAST HAVEN
OLD CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Old Cemetery Board was held on Thursday October 24, 2019 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:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Chairman Melanie Johnson. Also in attendance was Judy Ruggiero, Barbara Buonome, Marcia Federico. Dan McCann was absent.

2. Approval of Minutes

Judy made a motion to approve the August 29, 2019 minutes with a correction in Old Business spelling of last name correction to Mottie. Marcia Federico seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Judy Ruggiero stated she noticed the Animal Shelter check had not cleared. Judy Ruggiero called Owen at the shelter and Owen was not aware of a check that was still out there not cashed. Owen stated he would check on it and get back to Judy Ruggiero. Judy Ruggiero stated she paid Garden of Eden for mowing for August 12th and Sept. 30th in the amount of \$1550.00 . Judy Ruggiero stated that the balance in the check book is at \$14,040.46. Barbara Buonome made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Marcia Federico seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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4. Old Business

Judy Ruggiero stated that the audit has now been completed for the board and it balanced to the penny. The audit completion date was September 20, 2019 by Salvatore Maltese. Melanie Johnson gave Judy Ruggiero a check for the last cook book purchase at the Fall Festival. Melanie Johnson submits to Judy Ruggiero the receipts from Goody's Hardware for reimbursement of the Loppers and Leaf Bags. Melanie Johnson stated that she had not yet received a call back from Joseph Zullo regarding the research if there were any State funds available. Judy Ruggiero asks Melanie Johnson if she has checked on the by-laws yet. Melanie Johnson stated no. Melanie Johnson stated that she has gotten all the files from the Historical Society of Bill's and needs to go through them. Judy Ruggiero asks if the fallen tree has been removed near the Bowl. Melanie Johnson stated no and another by the fence line is affecting the monument and if she sees the East Lawn guys she will be asking them for help to remove the tree. Melanie Johnson stated that Fred will start mulching the leaves as he mows and will pick them up when they fall more heavily. Fred also stated that he can bring the leaves to the dump. Judy Ruggiero stated that she thinks the mums that were donated were not as good as they ones they purchase. Barbara Buonome stated that she checked on the wreath but they do not have the greens yet and they could not give her a price yet as to the cost of the wreath. Melanie Johnson stated that she will check with Bob Parente and or the Town to see if they can donate a 36 inch wreath for the board to hang at the Old Cemetery this year. Judy Ruggiero stated that she is requesting the wreath to have a large red bow with long tails and it not be plastic.

5. New Business

Judy Ruggiero received from the Historical Society a memorial to Bill Jackson with pictures and captions – Judy shows the board. Melanie Johnson spoke with Fred he is requesting a 5 year contract. Judy Ruggiero stated that the board has nothing to do with that and Town Hall only gives 2 year contracts with a possible extension of 1 year. All of that goes through Town Hall. Melanie Johnson found in Bill's box a history of Grove Street and Melanie makes a suggestion of the OCB developing a flyer and putting it in Town Hall and the Library. Judy Ruggiero stated that they did something like that years ago and that they placed it in a holder and it was vandalized.

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The board reviewed the 2020 Meeting Calendar and approved the suggested dates devised from the board.

6. Adjournment

Marcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Melanie seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Temple Smith, OCB Clerk