

**EAST HAVEN
OLD CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Old Cemetery Board was held on Thursday August 29, 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:

Judy Ruggiero made a motion to appoint a temporary chairman – Melanie Johnson. Marcia Federico seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by temporary Chairman Melanie Johnson. Also in attendance was Judy Ruggiero, Barbara Buonome, Marcia Federico. Dan McCann was absent. Judy Ruggiero nominates Melanie Johnson as the Chairman for the OCB. Marcia Federico seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Judy Ruggiero nominated Marcia Federico as the Vice Chairman. All were in favor. Motion Accepted.

2. Approval of Minutes

Judy made a motion to approve the July 25, 2019 minutes with an add-on in New Business – sympathy tea income area – ADD – this money was used for stone restoration. Marcia seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Judy Ruggiero stated that she paid \$100.00 tee flag sponsorship. \$62.84 Bill's Platter of Fresh Fruit and Cookies. Judy paid \$ 1550.00 to Garden of Eden for 4 mowings and trimmings – 2 in June and 2 in July. Balance is now at \$15,697.87

Marcia made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Barbara seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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4. Old Business

Judy came across old minutes in 1987 where there was a request made by Helen Moddy (sp)President of the Board of Trustees at the time to Mayor Bob Norman to see if the town would provide curbing to keep the cars from parking up near the fences. He promised it would be done in the spring. June of 1988 it was on the list for summer work, August of 1988 the mayor assured that curbing was on the list. September of 1988 continued assurance that curbing was on the list. Jan of 1989 the assurance was given for the spring and to this date August 29, 2019 this has NOT been done. Judy stated that August 29, 1988 they decided on no new burials would be provided – Judy states this was in error. Bill Jackson said that if you have a piece of paper that states if you have a plot there you can be buried there. October 27, 1988 the trustees asked to make a presentation to Town Council for fencing. The bank was mentioned and they could go half and they did. Melanie is hoping to get a grant to shore up all that fencing. She said that she will speak with Anthony Purificato regarding the Mulberry tree and she will see him during the Fall Festival. The OCB table will be manned by Melanie on Friday – and the Historical Society will watch the table for the additional time of the Fall Festival. Melanie asks if she can get some loppers to trim the trees and some additional bags for cleanup. She will also speak with Bobby about spraying in the fall for poison ivy. Melanie states that the Fred called her and the guys were there and they were doing a great job on August 12 and the 29th. They agreed Fred would call her before -hand before going down there. Judy states that the tree is still laying there. Melanie stated that the guys at East Lawn said if the town does not help her and will give Bobby and AJ one more shot if they cannot get that tree out she will get the chain saw and do it herself. Melanie notices there are about a dozen headstones broken – she asked Joe Zullo if there are any grants for the stones as well. Judy called the Town Hall again today and that the mess is still here and she would tell Bob to go down there and take care of it. Melanie stated she told Bobby she would not drag out anything before the Fall Festival.

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5. New Business

Judy brought up a donation for Bill the Family's wishes were the Historical Society and the Animal Shelter. Melanie stated that the money would be better spent to the Animal Shelter. A motion was made for \$100 to the East Haven Animal Shelter – All were in Favor. Motion Carried. Joan Sayer introduces herself as she did get sworn in she is now a new member of the OCB. Judy made it known that she gave Sal Maltese the books for the audit of the OCB. OCB needs auditing every two years. Sal is doing this for free. This has been done in years past. All were in agreement. Barbara asks about mums in the urns. Judy stated not until after the Fall Festival so they are not destroyed. All agreed.

6. Adjournment

Marcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Melanie seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Temple Smith, OCB Clerk