

**EAST HAVEN  
OLD CEMETERY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Old Cemetery Board was held on Thursday February 27, 2020 at the Hagaman Memorial Library, 227 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 7:30 pm by Chairman Melanie Johnson. Also in attendance were Judy Ruggiero, Barbara Buonome, and Marcia Federico. Dan McCann was absent.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Marcia Federico made a motion to approve the December 2019 minutes. Barbara Buonome seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Judy Ruggiero stated she reimbursed Barbara Buonome in the amount of \$21.27 for the greens in the urns. The balance in the checking I snow \$13,992.04. Melanie Johnson 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 asked if Joe Zullo got back to the board on the copies of the grants. Melanie stated that Joe Zullo is in session now per Francesca in the Town Hall. Francesca will call Joe and find out what is going on. Melanie states that according to Joe the list is already compiled. Judy stated that the terms for Melanie, Marcia and Barbara have expired. Melanie stated that it was supposed to be brought up at the meeting in December and I do not believe it ever was because I have never received a letter. I will see Sal again on Monday and mention it. (Clerk hands out the old by-laws to the board). Judy asks if Marcia uncovered the mystery of the trust with the bank. Marcia stated that no one called her back. Melanie states that she found information that the treasurer has sole responsibility of the money and do whatever they want with it under the OCB. The minutes from May 26, 1995 there is a suggestion that all the investments with Shawmut Bank should be put into CD's – there were no motion or vote on it. I think the old board dissolved shortly after that. I went to Town Hall to see old minutes and they did not have anything before 2000 when the new board was created. The old board was separate from the town and the time. I also came to the library as there was a file cabinet but here was nothing at the library. Judy Ruggiero finds in her past paperwork that \$15,000 of that CD was put in the checking on August 18, 2002 . In August of 2003 transferred from CD \$16,809.17 and in June of 2004 transferred in from CD \$23,432.90. The CD money has been accommodated for. Melanie updates board about the tree limbs in the Old Cemetery – spoke with Bill Roberts of the East Lawn and he said he has 2 friends that want the wood from the trees that came down he would take care of it, as well as the Mulberry tree and move the monument back on the pedestal sometime in March. He will take the tree limbs on the grave stones as well. Judy stated that there are two big pine trees in the back and they are dead and if they fall they will fall into East Lawn Cemetery and break all kinds of stones and the town will be responsible for that. Charlie Coyle never calls back Melanie to address any issues. Melanie spoke with Francesca at Town Hall and there is a committee that has been formed for the Historical District and the green, and she was talking about curbing. Melanie states that it cannot be asphalt; she stated it may be granite. She said she will keep in touch as far as the progress goes. Barbara asks before they do any curbing they will get in touch with us so they won't do anything we won't like. Melanie states that is what she told me. Judy states that the post that is there stating what people can or cannot do – Art DeSorbo stated that when they did that he would put a post like the light poles. Melanie suggests the board gets in touch with that committee and speak with them.

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**5. New Business**

Judy states that Bob Sands stated the gates are not even. The pins are in trouble and there is a noticeable difference in the gates. Melanie states that the town may have to put that to bid. Bob discussed possible width of road paving over time have breached into the Old Cemetery street front property and could be something to discuss if they move forward with sidewalks.

**6. Adjournment**

Marcia Federico made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Melanie Johnson seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Temple Smith, OCB Clerk**