

**WESTFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY  
February 28, 2016  
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting called to order at 9AM.

**1) Brookside Cemetery Gravestone damage:**

**4 quotes for repair/restoration of 2 gravestones damaged by Tree Service and determine plan of action**

**A: Champlain Monuments - 200**

**B: Plouffe - \$225 plus Lettering. Roughly \$500**

**C: Woodman - \$300 for Labor /Material**

**B: Bianchi Stone - \$1,600**

**Discussion and review of quotes.**

**Moved by Glenn Rogers that we go with Plouffe Monument and that they submit a proposal that represents something that Plouffe's would be proud of as a relative. It could include a Hickey stone for one, and the other could be a replacement. (a "second" grade type marker would be acceptable). The Cemetery commission would submit the proposal to Barrett's for approval. Seconded by R. Perry - approved.**

**2) Lawn mowing proposals.**

**a. RFP's going out in March for all.**

**b. Pleasant View will be in the mix.**

**c. No problems with last year's bid so no special wording needed.**

**d. Osgood hill, Plains, Pleasant View, Brookside, Cloverdale, Richardson in mix. (Cookyard no bids needed- Ron Perry does it).**

**3) Review of the Pleasant View Cemetery situation**

**4) Vermont has passed legislation allowing Green Burials, however the Westford Cemetery Commission recommends further review and future vote by the Commission on this option.**

**There are concerns:**

**a. Shallow grave (woodchucks).**

- b. Rob a grave issues
- c. disease (No embalming, Cardboard coffin, cloth, wood, and no vault required)
- d. Gravesites located by GPS
- e. Save energy in manufacturing, no jobs.
- f. Jewish and Muslim faith have unique burial requirements

Westford currently requires vaults with 6' burial depth, and Westford Cemetery commission recommends continuing with this current policy.

- 5) Vt. laws have now eliminated requirements for
- a. Fencing
  - b. Formal demarkations for gravesites
  - c. Allows establishment of Natural Burial Grounds.

Mtg. adjourned at 10 am.