

# WESTFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION

## Emergency Meeting -Telephone Conference

April 10, 2020 **11:30 AM**

(Please note: agenda is subject to change.)

### AGENDA:

#### Discussion - Brookside Cemetery – Interment request made by Funeral Director

Meeting attended by Glenn Rogers, Ron Perry, Lynn J. Gauthier.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the pros, and cons, of opening Brookside Cemetery early in Westford to provide for a burial before May 1, 2020. The committee also discussed opening the cemeteries on a case by case basis and how it would be perceived by the public as well as the impact on the funeral homes, the family, and other cemeteries in the town and county.

There are many considerations to think about including but not limited to: A) weather, B) physical impact on the soils/lawns of the cemetery by trucks and cars, C) vehicles getting stuck, D) Impact on roads if all parking takes place on the side of the road to alleviate the damage to the lawns/soils, E) exceptions by the various cemetery locations, the various views of the town (and out of town) residents, F) water in the hole, G) and other issues not listed here. There are advantages: A) cost to the family B) emotional issues of the funeral/burial at one time vs. twice, C) easing up the hardship for Funeral directors, D) travel for family members, E) other issues.

After a lengthy discussion it was determined that at this time we need to keep to the May 1<sup>st</sup> opening for burials. Moved and seconded and approved.

Lynn to contact Minor Funeral Home and relay the committee's decision to the family for the reasons outlined above and more that took place in the discussion.

Next meeting of the Westford Cemetery Commission to take place on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 9 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed.

Glenn Rogers – Secretary – Westford Cemetery Commission.