

November 7, 2022

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Cemetery Advisory Committee

We, the members of the Cemetery Advisory Committee, recommend the following for consideration and execution:

1. Place a Warrant Article on the 2023 ballot asking the Town of Raymond to rescind 2010 Warrant Article 24 and thereby reinstate the Cemetery Trustees, in accordance with RSA 289.

It is further recommended that the board of Cemetery Trustees consist of 3 members.

2010 Town Warrant with results of 9 March 2010 Vote, page 23 in Annual Report

**ARTICLE 24**

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to discontinue the Board of Cemetery Trustees by delegating their duties and responsibilities to the Town Manager, who acts subject to the direction of the Board of Selectmen under RSA 37, and subject to the condition that cemetery fees may only be set after two public hearings before the Board of Selectmen.

YES 684

NO 647

2. As the Board of Selectmen are responsible for cemetery plot fees, we recommend a review of the current fee schedule, which has not been adjusted since 2010. Currently Raymond's fees are \$325 per plot and the median cost of surrounding communities is \$500 per plot.
3. With the recent extension of the cemetery clean-up deadline, we recommend that the Board of Selectmen amend the Cemetery Regulations, Article XI General Rules and Regulations, Items 12 and 13 to reflect November 15th in place of October 15th.
4. Cemetery Regulations, Article XI General Rules and Regulations, Item 16 speaks to the disposal of debris. In seeking more specifics on this item from DPW the Cemetery Advisory Committee was advised that a location exists; however the specifics were not provided. We recommend the Board of Selectmen amend the Cemetery Regulations to include the location where natural matter (branches, leaves, brush) should be disposed of.

5. We recommend that the Board of Selectmen review the Cemetery Regulations, Article XI General Rules and Regulations, Item 10 which defines the dates by which water will be turned off/on seasonally and consider amending the “on” date to align with the spring seasonal clean up date of April 30th.

*Reference Documentation to be included:*

*RSA 289 - Cemetery Trustees.pdf*

*Cemetery Plot Fees.pdf*

*Cemetery Regulations.pdf*