

Town Article 35 – Cemetery Plot Fees Maintenance Fund

This article will close three expendable Trust funds (Cemetery Sale of Trees, Cemetery Sales of Lots, and Cemetery/Sale of Lumber) and move the balances into the previously established Cemetery Plot Fees Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. These funds are used to maintain Town cemeteries. There is no tax impact.

A YES vote will move the funds into a previously established Capital Reserve fund available to the town to pay for cemetery maintenance and expansion.

A NO vote will keep the funds in several expendable Trust funds.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To permit the Trustees of the Trust funds to consolidate multiple funds into one Capital Reserve Fund for cemetery maintenance costs.
- To correct errors in the past that placed the funds into expendable funds. (1)(2)
- The Trustees of the Trust Fund consulted with and have the approval of the NH Department of Justice Charitable Trusts Unit. (2)

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- To require the Cemetery Sale of Trees, Cemetery Sales of Lots and Cemetery/Sale of Lumber to remain as separate funds.
- Disagree with the recommendations of the NH Department of Justice Charitable Trusts Unit.
- Disagree with the Trustees of the Trust Funds vote.

References:

1. 1985 Warrant Article 10: tinyurl.com/yylmbf2s
2. Trustees of the Trust Funds, 11/9/20, Item 2 at: tinyurl.com/y6kdebco