

**Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 132**  
**Bristol, Vermont 05443**

November 16, 2018

Ms. Valerie Capels  
Town Administrator  
P.O. Box 249  
Bristol, Vermont 05443

Dear Ms. Capels:

The Bristol Cemetery Association, Inc. would like to thank the Town of Bristol for their support of Greenwood Cemetery for the past twelve years. With the appropriations approved at the past eleven Town Meetings (\$9,000.00, \$10,000.00, \$8,000.00, \$8,000.00, \$8,000.00, \$8000.00, \$7,000.00, \$7,000.00, \$7,000.00, \$7,000.00, \$7,000.00 and \$22,000.00 respectively), along with the interest earned on our Perpetual Care Funds and income from lot sales and fundraising we have been able to pay for the mowing and trimming contracts and other necessary maintenance for Greenwood Cemetery.

We have reviewed our financial situation for 2019. We anticipate receiving income from certificates of deposit (Perpetual Care Funds) in the amount of \$2,475.00 and lot sales of approximately \$3,240.00 (\$4,050.00 minus 20% to be deposited into the perpetual care fund). This will provide us with approximately \$5,715.00 of useable income. Our typical expenses are anticipated to be as follows:

Mowing and trimming -	\$31,522.50	(Estimated for new Contract)
Liability Insurance -	750.00	
Flowers for Large Urns	60.00	
P.O. Box Rental Fee	90.00	
Postage	40.00	
Rental Storage Space	200.00	
Driveway Gravel	500.00	
Tree Removal	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>137.50</u>	
	\$34,500.00	

We request \$29,000.00 from the Town in 2019 in order to maintain Greenwood Cemetery as we have in the past. We will be turning in a petition of the legal voters of the

Town of Bristol to add an article to the warning for the annual town meeting as this is a much higher request than in the past. Our new mowing contractor this past summer did an excellent job. At the end of the season, he found that he had under estimated the time to mow and trim the cemetery by 124 hours. He would like to mow the cemetery again this coming year and is willing to do the work by adding 62 hours (\$4,032.50) to last year's contract price of \$29,490.00. This would result in a price of \$31,522.50. He is also willing to sign a 3 year contract at that price.

We have been very fortunate again this year in having a significant amount of volunteer work in maintaining our cemetery (brush cutting, tree and shrub trimming and removal, road work, grave leveling, etc.).

The Northland Jobs Corps Center in Vergennes worked in the cemetery several days removing trees this past summer. This is a huge benefit to the cemetery. Brown's Tree Service also removed the upper portion of a very large and dangerous dead maple at a reduced price.

We would be happy to meet with you and the Select Board to answer any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this request.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Lathrop  
President, Bristol Cemetery Association