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Re: Proposed North Cemetery Expansion

Date: February 26, 2012

We request that the BoPW formally withdraw the North Cemetery expansion proposal from the FY13 capital budget. We further request that the FinCom defer any consideration of such expansion until such time as the site is properly permitted and approved for its intended use pursuant to Town bylaws as well as state laws and regulations.

These requests stem from the understanding that requisite site plan approval of the expansion of the North Cemetery lapsed on June 18, 2004 – see attached Site Plan Approval Decision dated June 18, 2002. The DPW proposal, “Cemetery Upgrades, North Cemetery,” to expend \$200,000 to “improve and expand” North Cemetery, therefore, should not have been included in the proposed FY13 capital budget.

It is our hope that the BoPW will move forward with a comprehensive capture zone analysis of the Baldwin Pond Wells, as detailed in our previous e-mails and discussed at recent BoPW meetings. This study should assess the possible impacts on our drinking water of the groundwater transport of pathogens, toxic chemicals and pharmaceuticals from the proposed expansion site. Prior to expanding this study to include Cow Common Conservation Area, identified by the DPW Director as a possible future site of town wells, it would seem prudent to consult with representatives of Raytheon concerning this option.

In addition, as Tonya Largy of the Historical Commission discussed at the February 21 BoPW meeting, we fully support an archaeological survey of this historically significant area prior to any preparation of this site for use as a cemetery.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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