

ARTICLE 1: TRANSFER OF THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote to acquire and accept, by donation, from the Woodlawn Cemetery Company, or the current owner of said property, all of the real property known as the Woodlawn Cemetery, located at Harvard Road, Ayer, being two parcels, together containing 10.5 acres, more or less, and shown as Parcel 35-20, described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 1438, Page 459 and Parcel 35-51, described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 4708, Page 1; and further, to acquire and accept, by donation, all of the personal property, funds and accounts of said Woodlawn Cemetery Company owned, maintained and used in connection with the ownership and operation of the Woodlawn Cemetery; and to authorize the Select Board to take all actions and execute all documents necessary and appropriate for said acquisition and acceptance; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Explanatory Note: This Article would authorize the Select Board to acquire the Woodlawn Cemetery by donation from the Woodlawn Cemetery Company to include all personal property, funds, and accounts. This is the second step in the transfer process. Town Meeting passed Article 27 at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting on April 26, 2021, which authorized the Town to conduct its due diligence with respect to the transfer and to return to the Fall Special Town Meeting on October 25, 2021, with a formal recommendation and presentation. The formal recommendation is to proceed with the transfer of the Woodlawn Cemetery to the Town. Presentation to be made at Town Meeting.

Sponsor: Select Board

Simple Majority Vote Required