



Town of Lexington Annual Town Meeting 2020 Select Board Positions

Article 16k: Public Facilities Capital Projects – Westview Cemetery Facility Construction

Item 16k requests \$3,290,000 for the construction of a new administration and maintenance building located at the Westview Cemetery. Westview Cemetery is the Town's active cemetery with an average of 190 burials per year. The current building, which serves as the cemetery office, meeting area for grieving families, and a work space for staff and storage equipment, is deteriorating and needs to be brought up to code. The only significant upgrade to the cemetery building in the last 15 years has been a new roof.

Furthermore, grieving families and visitors often feel uncomfortable gathering at the cemetery office because of various activities going on in a confined space, such as equipment maintenance being performed in the adjacent garage. In addition, there is an inadequate storage for maintenance equipment, which is leading to higher costs to run the cemetery operation.

If Town Meeting approves funding, the construction of a new 4,300 sq. ft. building will enhance the cemetery operation by providing a welcoming and private space for families and visitors and provide staff with a more efficient office, storage and maintenance area.

The Select Board unanimously supports passage of Article 16k.