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## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

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The Westford Cemetery Commission continues to oversee the care and maintenance of our five town cemeteries. During 2006-2007 there were two interments in the cemeteries and two lots were sold. Flags were placed on all Veterans' graves in observance of Memorial Day. The "Friends of Richardson Cemetery" continue to maintain that cemetery. As always, we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who mows our cemeteries and maintains them.

There continues to be much work to be done to keep our cemeteries a source of historic information as well as aesthetically maintained. The Town Office continues to receive several requests regarding family history research and often this information can only be found on the gravestones themselves. We are continuing our long-range project of repairing and cleaning the gravestones as funds allow. This past summer we had a portion of the Plains Cemetery cleaned and restored as well as a portion of Cloverdale Cemetery. We have allotted funds for both Plains and Cloverdale cemeteries in our 2008 budget to continue this project. Cookyard cemetery still requires much work to be completed, as there is a great deal of brush and tree debris that needs to be removed. Because of health reasons, our two volunteers undertaking this project have not been able to work on this project over the past year.

Unfortunately, the cost of mowing continues to increase and we need to adjust our yearly budget accordingly. The use of our cemetery funds in the various savings accounts and certificates of deposit are limited as we can only use the nominal interest earned on the CD accounts and not the principal. Unfortunately, many communities are faced with this problem. Therefore, we rely on the money allocated in the Town of Westford General Fund. **Each town is required to maintain their cemeteries as indicated in the Vermont State Statutes (Title 18, Ch.121).** The Cemetery Commission with the support of the townspeople, the public and the descendents of people buried in the cemeteries would like to continue to keep the cemeteries aesthetically pleasing and a source of historic information.

The cemetery funds are all invested in local banks and are carefully supervised.

Respectively submitted,  
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**TREASURER'S REPORT - CEMETERY FUNDS**

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**YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007**

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**CASH ON HAND - July 1, 2005**

Cemetery Commissioners Checking	\$ 430.45
Cemetery Comm. Perpetual Fund	255.72
Cemetery Comm. Perpetual Fund CD	2,339.19
Alger Fund	315.59
Cloverdale Cemetery Memorial Fund	272.39
Irish Lot Fund	668.12
Phillips Lot CD	594.54
Osgood Hill Cemetery Savings	868.68
Osgood Hill Cemetery CD	8,429.43
James Grow Fund CD	<u>4,612.99</u>

**TOTAL CASH ON HAND** **\$18,787.10**

**RECEIPT**

Town Budget	3,700.00
Interment Fees	300.00
Lots Sold	450.00
Perpetual Care	300.00
Interest Earned	<u>574.27</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **5,324.27**

**EXPENSES**

Mowing Cemeteries	\$2,775.00
Monument repairs & cleaning	1,100.00
Flags & Supplies	<u>7.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **3,882.00**

**GRAND TOTAL**

**\$20,229.37**

**CASH ON HAND - June 30, 2007**

Cemetery Commissioners Checking	\$1,098.45
Cemetery Comm. Perpetual Fund	256.66
Cemetery Comm. Perpetual Fund CD	2,720.16
Alger Fund	316.36
Cloverdale Cemetery Memorial Fund	273.07
Irish Lot CD - Plains	689.70
Phillips Lot CD - Plains	613.74
Osgood Hill Cemetery Savings	1,020.32
Osgood Hill Cemetery CD	8,523.22
James Grow Fund CD	<u>4,717.69</u>

**TOTAL CASH ON HAND** **\$20,229.37**

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