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DATE: January 5, 2004

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Cemetery Commissioners

SUBJECT: Article for April 2004 Annual Town Meeting

We would like to submit the following Article to be placed on the Warrant for the April 2004 Annual Town Meeting:

ARTICLE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS CEMETERY LAND FUND

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from the Cemetery Land Fund the sum of \$100,000.00, or any other sum to be expended by the Town Manager for the development and landscaping of section 9, Mount Hope Cemetery and for general improvements in the cemeteries, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUMMARY

This article will provide funds to develop a new section of approximately 1,500 grave spaces at Mount Hope Cemetery. It will also allow for some general improvements in the cemeteries such as replacing damaged trees and shrubs and repairing roadways.

Direct inquiries to: Tom Tidman, Director of Natural Resources

On the attached map of Mount Hope Cemetery, the black roadways are presently developed. As you face the cemetery from Central Street, section 9 is the "cross-patched" area at the rear. Section 8, to its immediate left has approximately sixty-six two-grave lots and fourteen three-grave lots that will be allowed an upright monument. At the present rate of sales, it is anticipated that this inventory will last about 3 - 4 years.

Section 9 was cleared of trees, graded and planted in grass when section 8 was prepared in 1981 and a water line was brought to the section. The design layout has been prepared. We need to purchase the materials to run the water lines all the way around the section, installing upright pipes w/faucets at appropriate intervals. When this has been completed, we will ask the Engineering Dept. to locate several points from which we can lay the section out into lots. After purchasing the necessary number of plain and numbered pins, the four corners of each lot are marked with an aluminum pin, the one in the lower left corner bearing the number of the lot. We will then locate and dig the shrub gardens and purchase and plant the shrubs and trees for the section.

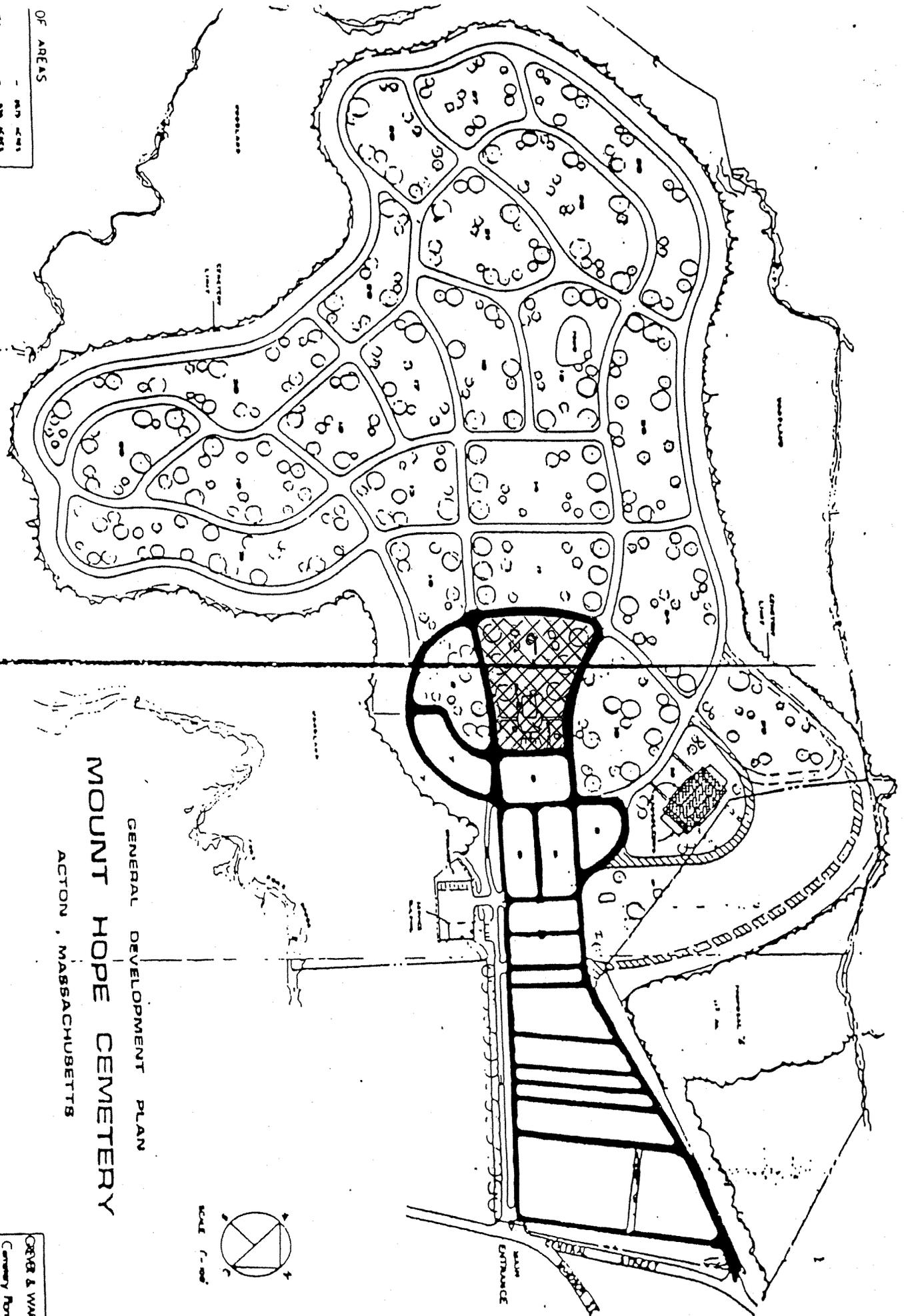
All the supplies needed to accomplish the above will be purchased from the Land Fund money we are asking for in this Article. It takes a minimum of two to three years from the time we start this work for the section to be ready for lot sales. The work will be done by the department personnel as time, weather, and work schedules permit. For this reason, the sooner we have available funds, the sooner we can begin ordering supplies.

When all work on section 9 has been completed, the remainder of the funds from this request will be used to replace damaged trees and shrubs in the cemeteries and to repair the more badly damaged roadways within the cemeteries as the balance available allows.

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GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
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 ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS



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