

December 4, 2012

To: Planning Board
From: Cemetery Commissioners
Re: Central Street PCRC

This letter is to advise the Planning Board that the Cemetery Commissioners met with Steve Marsh and Jim D'Agostine on Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 to discuss the changes to the proposal for development of land adjacent to Mount Hope Cemetery on Central Street in West Acton.

Our initial concerns were aimed at a portion of land that we have utilized for Cemetery purposes, including the sale of burial lots since acquisition in 1891. In addition, we have erected a garage for storage of equipment and utilized this land for storage of markers, soil, burning of brush and other purposes for decades. We are also aware that the most recent survey of land locates the bounds of the Madden land, so called, upon the land we have utilized for over a century.

We understand that the dispute in the property lines will result in an irregular shaped parcel that will be deeded over to ownership by the Town of Acton and will be for general municipal use. We further understand that the developer will utilize this parcel to provide a vegetative shield between the cemetery and the homes to be constructed. Since our garage will lie between the contested property and the Central Street PCRC, we will likely lose the use of this structure and necessitate storage elsewhere.

Our agreement over the GAR Lot is that the lot will remain in its entirety and be maintained by the Cemetery Department since it has Perpetual Care, as well as the William Chaplin lot adjacent to it.

We believe that the above sums up our concerns and we find that they have been addressed sufficiently.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Klauer, Chairman