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To: Benson Selectboard

From: Norma Phillips

re: Carter Street Cemetery

The property surrounding Carter Street Cemetery is owned by Phillips Family Incorporated (PFI). I am no longer a member of PFI, and I speak tonight only for myself.

I only learned that Carter Cemetery was on the agenda tonight by reading the agenda at the Town Office this morning. Apparently PFI was not aware that the Cemetery was on the agenda, and unfortunately no member is available to be here tonight.

When I spoke with Jan Ladd last Monday about another Cemetery matter, she made it clear the Commission needed a ROW to the Cemetery. Jan has requested me of this several times in the recent past, and PFI has verbally provided the only reasonable ROW. But of course, I can understand the Commission prefers having something legally designated as ROW.

After speaking with Jan a week ago, I told her I would let PFI know of her request. PFI members meet regularly once a month, and their next meeting is this week, at which time they will take up this matter.

I personally appreciate all the work Jan does on Benson's cemeteries, and she has been helpful with the Carter Street Cemetery maintenance.

