

April 28, 2025

Dear fellow members,

LOCUST VALLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION Board of Directors

*Chairman* Diane Fagiola

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*General Manager* William Simons

Superintendent Edward Simons

Business Manager Amy Driscoll The fiscal year ending March 31 was a busy and productive one for the Locust Valley Cemetery.

To maintain our parklike grounds, we have continued our extensive tree work, focusing on the pruning and removal of diseased and dying hemlocks and beeches. A devastating disease that spread across Europe and North America has taken its toll on our magnificent American and Copper Beech trees. Although treatments have yet to prove effective, we are working with specialists to try to save ours. A significant Rhododendron pruning and fertilization project was also completed in early March.

The new columbaria niches have been installed and we are working on the surrounding terrace, finishing work and landscaping. The project should be completed by mid summer.

Renovation of the cave-like staff break-room area below the Cemetery office is completed. Our workers are finally able to rest for lunch and breaks in clean and comfortable surroundings with reliable heat and air conditioning.

Design plans for the adjacent 3.064 acre property we purchased last year are being prepared and will be submitted to the Lattingtown Village Zoning Board and the New York State Division of Cemeteries for approval. We hope to begin clearing the property for development by fall.

Always top of mind is the prudent management of our Permanent Maintenance and General Funds. Members of our Investment and Financial Committees devoted a great deal of time and expertise last year to lower our fees and to ensure that we are receiving optimal service.

Remember, General Manager Bill Simons and Superintendent Ed Simons are available to assist you on weekdays until 3:30 and weekends by appointment.

Once again, we ask for your continued support of the Permanent Maintenance Fund with a tax-deductible donation. Your gift to our endowment will help ensure the maintenance of our beautiful sanctuary for all time.

The annual Plot Holders' Meeting will be at the Cemetery office on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. You may use the enclosed donation envelope to return your proxy.

Sincerely,

## PROXY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints, DIANE FAGIOLA, CAROL HARRINGTON, and EDWARD O'NEILL, or any one or more of them, attorney-in-fact with power of substitution and revocation to represent the undersigned at the annual meeting of the members of the LOCUST VALLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC. to be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00pm, at the Locust Valley Cemetery, 117 Ryefield Road, Locust Valley, New York, and to vote such number of votes as the undersigned may be entitled to vote upon all matters that may come before said meeting and any adjournments thereof as though the undersigned were personally present, including without limitation of the foregoing: (1) the election of directors; (2) the consideration of reports of officers; and (3) the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting; hereby ratifying all that said attorneys-in-fact may do by virtue of this proxy and revoking any other proxy previously given by the undersigned.

Dated: May\_\_\_\_, 2025

## LOCUST VALLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The Annual meeting of Members of the LOCUST VALLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC. will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Locust Valley Cemetery, 117 Ryefield Road, Locust Valley, New York, for the purpose of the foregoing: (1) the election of directors; (2) the consideration of reports of officers; and (3) the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. For the purpose of transacting the business of such meeting, members who do not expect to be present in person at the meeting are requested to execute and return the Proxy statement on the reverse side of this card.  $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ 

Dated: May 1, 2025

Peter B. Colgrove Secretary