

The Plainfield Cemetery Commission is accepting bid proposals for cemetery mowing.

Bids will be for a contract covering two burial seasons from May to November for the PlainMont, Village, Center, Bisson, and Kinney cemeteries.

Sealed bids marked "Cemetery Mowing Service Proposal" will be accepted until 4:00p.m. Wednesday April 1, 2020, delivered by mail or in person to the Plainfield Town Office at 149 Main Street, Plainfield, Vermont 05667.

Bids will be opened and reviewed by the Cemetery Commission at a meeting April 6, 2020 at the Plainfield Fire Station, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive any formalities or technicalities, and to act in the best interest of Plainfield Cemeteries.

The scope of services will be:

- A. Rake and pick up all trash and debris from winter including branches and limbs that may have fallen. All wood debris will be disposed of on-site where it can be composted away from public view (over the banks at PlainMont and the Village cemeteries). The Center, Bisson, and Kinney cemeteries have private landowners as adjacent property owners that will object to disposal on their property. All non-wood debris (plastic and other trash) will be disposed of off-site.
- B. Regular mowing for 23 weeks from the first week in May and ending in mid-October. Mowing will be completed so that the maximum height of grass will not exceed 4 inches. Grass will be trimmed around monuments and along fences (inside and outside of fences where fences are in clear public view).
- C. Grass clippings shall be removed from monuments, stones, and driveways.
- D. Excess grass clippings will not be allowed to clump and will be removed.
- E. Mowing and trimming will be done so that the cemeteries are particularly presentable for the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. They will also be kept neat and generally presentable for the entire 23 weeks.
- F. Mowing shall not interfere with burial ceremonies. Proper respect and consideration of all visitors is mandatory.

- G. The contractor will act as an independent contractor and shall be responsible for filing his/her own tax returns including all forms necessary as an employer. The contractor will be responsible to insure self and any employees against injuries on the job, and will hold the Plainfield Cemetery Commission harmless therefrom. The contractor will have general liability and workers compensation as required by the town of Plainfield (details available by asking the Town Clerk).
- H. The contractor shall not assign or subcontract the performance of the contract or any portion thereof to any other contractor without prior approval of the Plainfield Cemetery Commission
- I. Payment for services will be made by monthly installments due the first of May, June, July, August, September, and October.