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Hi Jennifer,

I would like to present my request for a cemetery plot with a granite bird post to the selectmen to give them an idea of what it would look like since I will not be able to attend the meeting. Would you be able to forward my email to them before Wednesday's meeting? I would greatly appreciate it, thank you.  
Sarah

Hi Cynthia, Skipper and Jessica,

I am currently wanting to buy a plot in the West Tisbury Cemetery. I would like to put one of Ben Cabot's beautiful granite columns with a bird on top for my stone. After talking to Alan Gowell, he said it would need to be approved by you due to the height. I was thinking of a 5 foot total granite post which would have the bird be at about eye level. This is about 2 feet shorter than most of his bird posts that you might have seen in various places. The post would only be about a foot or so wide. I have been following Ben's work for years and would really like to support a local artist.

I went to the cemetery today to look at what is currently there and there are quite a number of stones 5 ft and over and much wider. I would prefer a crematory plot, but would be willing to get a larger plot if that is an issue for a taller stone. Alan also said there might be a plot along the fence line which I would like since my parents and my sister's plot is along the fence. I wouldn't think the post would be imposing there in particular. I don't think it would be imposing anywhere, but especially not along the fence line. I'm attaching a photo of another of Ben's bird posts that is about 5 ft tall with my partner Bob in the photo for scale since I'm heading back to California on Saturday and can't make it to the meeting.



Thanks so much for considering this!  
Sincerely,  
Sarah Mayhew

Sent from my iPhone