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To the residents of Lyman,
The Lyman Cemetery Committee volunteers would like to thank Lyman's voters for approving our proposal to remove threatening trees from the 100+ ancient cemeteries in town. Work on tree removal will begin shortly and will be completed, on budget, by or before June 30.

Some residents have expressed concerns about the tree-cutting process. Please be assured that we do not plan to turn Paul Bunyan and his Blue Ox loose on the town. We are not going to fall trees using 1800s-style logging practices. In fact, no trees will be dropped in the traditional manner because this would cause

considerable damage to the very headstones, walls and gates we are trying to preserve.

Instead, our certified, bonded, insured professional arborist will literally dismantle each tree from the top down. One crew will use special lines to slide the limbs, branches and wood out of the plot to a safe, secure staging area nearby, where the wood and brush will be removed by a second crew. When the job is done all threatening trees, wood and brush will be safely removed from each plot.

Of course, hardwood bolts (in 4-foot lengths) harvested during the process may be taken by the landowner or anyone in town who wants it; first come, first served. The pines will be removed by the arborist or will be available for pick-up by local lumber mills or anyone who can make use of it.

LCC is not a logging company or a lumber retailer – our only interest is in removing trees that are a direct threat to our ancient cemeteries now and in the future. When this project is finished and

the trees, wood and brush have been removed the only annual maintenance that will be required is mowing (three times per year) as required by state law.

Anyone who has questions about the process or who wants to pick up firewood or pine logs from the work sites may contact Steve Carpenteri at 247-6098.

Please keep in mind that this will be a winter-long project that will be conducted in increments that may continue until the June 30 deadline.

Bear with us as we continue our work to protect and conserve Lyman's ancient cemeteries for decades to come.

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