

Cemetery - Rules and Regulations

Adopted March 13, 1923

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March 16, 1996; April 8, 1997; March 13, 2001

1. Every town shall provide one or more suitable cemeteries for the interment of deceased persons, within its limits, which shall be subject to such regulations as the town may establish. **(RSA 289:1)**
2. Every town shall raise and appropriate sufficient funds, by taxation or otherwise, to provide for the suitable care and maintenance of all cemeteries within its confines, which are not otherwise provided for, and to provide and maintain around all cemeteries a good and sufficient fence and to supply the same with necessary gates. **(RSA 289:6)**
3. The duty of the Board of Cemetery Trustees is to supervise all cemeteries to the end that funds, raised through taxation or otherwise, may be expended as best to serve the purpose for which they are raised.
4. A plan of each cemetery, with the lots numbered and containing the names of owners as known, shall be kept in Town Hall. The Board of Cemetery Trustees shall indicate in each lot the exact location of graves made in the same. ~~This particular duty of the Sexton shall be completed immediately following a burial.~~
5. Prices of lots to be purchased shall be set by the Selectmen and all deeds recorded with the Town Clerk. Transfer of ownership may be accomplished only when the original deed is returned to the Board of Selectmen and a new deed is issued. Transfer of ownership from a resident to a non-resident shall be valid only after payment to the Town for the difference in price.
6. No interment shall be made in ground, tomb, or vault, and no disinterment or removal shall be made without a permit issued by the State or Town Clerk, and delivered to the Cemetery Trustees. Upon completion of the interment/removal, the burial permit shall be delivered to the Town Clerk.
7. In the event of a cremation, notice of the location of ashes will be filed with the Town Clerk. No ashes will be interred unless contained within a suitable receptacle.
8. All actual interments, disinterments, or removals shall be made under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees. Funerals within the cemetery proper shall be under the supervision of the Board of Cemetery Trustees as to routes taken.
9. No horses, snowmobiles, bicycles, motorcycles, OHRV's, vehicle with a wheel-base longer than 270 inches, or large trucks - except those authorized by the Cemetery Trustees - shall be permitted in the cemeteries.

10. Interment and disinterment fees shall be determined by the Cemetery Trustees and Board of Selectmen.
11. All interments shall be conducted between spring opening and fall closing dates. The Cemetery Trustees using weather and road conditions, as guidelines shall determine the opening and closing dates.
12. Excavations are to be a depth of five feet for a vault at the low side of the gravesite and three feet for a cremation receptacle and shall be a minimum of 12" from the edge of the traveled portion of the cemetery roadway.
13. Flower arrangements are to be removed from the gravesite no later than one week (7 calendar days) after a burial, by the person hired to perform the burial. That person shall also be responsible to see that the gravesite shall be properly filled, compacted, loamed and seeded immediately following the interment. No fill from any gravesite shall be removed from the cemeteries for any purpose by any person unless directed by the Cemetery Trustees. No payment for interments will be authorized until the new gravesite has been inspected and approved by one or more of the Board of Cemetery Trustees.
14. The care of shrubs and perennial plants already in place on any lot which does not have Perpetual Care coverage shall be the responsibility of the owner, heirs or assigns of that lot. No plants or shrubs shall be planted at the corner points of any lot. All shrubs and plants shall be planted well within the boundaries of individual lots of all sizes. All avenues between two and four grave lots shall remain free of any type of obstructions. Monuments and shrubs placed within avenues prior to 1991 shall not be subject to this regulation. Perpetual Care coverage shall be mandatory if shrubs or plants are to be planted on any lot. The amount of the coverage must provide adequate interest income for their care; the requested amount shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) as principle.
15. Perennial plants and shrubs shall not exceed a maximum height of three and one half feet or a breadth of two and one half feet at the base. Those plants or shrubs that become detrimental to avenues, paths, lots, or monuments shall be removed after written notification by the Board of Cemetery Trustees to the owner. Urns may be used on gravesites. If, for any reason, they become detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery, the Board of Cemetery Trustees shall remove them and will notify the owners. Any unique fixed additions to any gravesite must receive prior approval from the Cemetery Trustees or they will be removed within 48 hours of notification to the owner of the lot. Additions that the majority of the Board of Cemetery Trustees deem detrimental to the appearance of the cemeteries or inappropriate in nature will also be removed by the Board of Cemetery Trustees within 48 hours of notification to the owner of the lot. If the addition effects [sic] the safety of the public, it will be removed immediately.
16. The Cemetery Board of Trustees shall have the authority to grant permission to erect, to build

monument foundations, to clean and to letter all monuments, and to install flush corner stones and flush type markers. The request for permission shall be submitted in writing to the Cemetery Board of Trustees using the authorized form, which also lists the "Rules and Regulations Governing Monuments and Markers". Lot owners and monument dealers shall both sign each request. Contact the Chairman of the Cemetery Board of Trustees to request permission forms.

17. Lots, paths and roadways shall be mowed and trimmed as often as is necessary to keep the appearance of the cemeteries neat and orderly. This work will be supervised by the Board of Cemetery Trustees, taking into consideration the weather conditions and budget money available. Leaves and debris shall be raked and removed in the fall or spring of each year.
18. Funds for "Perpetual Care" lots may be received by the Town. The Trustees of the Trust Funds will administer these funds. The Board of Cemetery Trustees will make the determination of the care to be given each individual lot, and to the cemetery proper, when interest funds are applicable.
19. Veteran's markers shall be kept free of grass, weeds, and grass clippings so that each is completely readable.
20. Wells for each cemetery shall be maintained during the summer months and two barrels shall be placed in each cemetery for the disposal of all types of trash. Barrels and water pumps shall be removed from cemeteries and stored in either hearse house during the winter months.

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Adopted March, 1994

Amended March 18, 1995

It is ordered that both the old and new cemeteries will be open to the public between sunrise and sunset, seven days a week.

Violations of this town ordinance shall be punishable by fine of not more than \$100.00 for the first offense and \$200 for each and every subsequent offense.

It will be the responsibility of the town's Police Department to enforce and prosecute any and all violations of this ordinance.