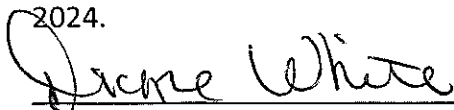


## Cemetery Policy

In an effort to facilitate cost-effective maintenance of our cemeteries, as well as provide for a more uniform and neat appearance, the following rules and regulations have been drafted by the cemetery committee and sexton and adopted by the Select Board on October 9, 2024. These rules and regulations have been adopted for the common protection of all lot owners, the preservation of the natural beauty of cemetery grounds and the historical information contained therein. At the same time pay respect to the ancestors of our Town.

- Off road vehicles, (ATV, snow mobiles, etc.) will not be allowed at any time in cemeteries.
- All cemeteries are open from Dawn to Dusk only. Wintertime cemeteries will be closed to vehicles.
- As soon as flowers, wreaths, emblems, etc. become unsightly and faded or interfere with mowing, they shall be removed. Time frame of summer decorations will be May 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>, winter decorations December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. No glass containers (vases, ceramics, or other breakable items) will be allowed at any time.
- All burials will be done by the Sexton to comply with state and federal laws. Any charges or fees for such work shall be arranged through the funeral director. This will also help with the location of the deceased, keep an accurate record of internments, and insure town liability.
- One headstone/bench per 10X10 lot. Lots purchased prior to 10/09/2024 are exempt from number of Head Stones. Flat individual footstones to be placed on foot of all full burials or on cremated remains. Headstones are required to have a footing. All full burials must have a vault. All vaults and/or grave liners shall originate from a manufacturer that is certified by the National Concrete Burial Vault Association Inc.
- Trees and bushes will not be allowed, when ones there deteriorate or become a problem they will be removed and will not be replaced. This will make for easier mowing and less problems to stones in the future. Flowerbeds shall be no more than 16", in front of or side of stones only. No white marble, granite chips, or other rock materials will be allowed on gravesites following the adoption of this policy. Hedges, fencing, walls, curbing, railing enclosures or similar structures shall not be erected around gravesites. Existing structures or enclosures may be maintained but not expanded. If any structure or growth becomes unsightly, the committee has the right, at their discretion, to remove it after an effort to notify the family.
- All trash shall be placed in provided receptacles or removed from the cemetery grounds and properly disposed of.
- The Town's Sexton is responsible for seeing all cemetery rules and regulations are followed.

I certify that the above policy was adopted by the Select Board in open meeting on October 9, 2024.



Diane White, Town Clerk