

TOWN OF GREENLAND, NH

Cemetery Trustees



BY-LAWS

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CEMETERY BY-LAWS

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I. Purchase of Burial Space

- A. Sale of lots in cemeteries owned by the Town of Greenland shall be restricted to residents of Greenland. For this purpose, residents shall mean those living in Greenland who moved to a nursing home, hospital, care facility or home of a family member specifically for assisted living.
- B. All persons purchasing lots shall pay the Town of Greenland Cemetery Trustees such sum as set by the Trustees; checks shall be made payable to GREENLAND CEMETERY.
- C. Cemetery lots will be sold in sequence order of the next requested size available lot(s).
- D. A one-time Perpetual Care Fee is required for the purchase of all lots.
- E. Buy back of the lot to include the Perpetual Care Fee shall be only for its original purchase price based on the size of the original lot.
- F. In the event a receipt for the purchase of the lot(s) is lost or the owner of record cannot be located, it shall be the responsibility of anyone claiming the lot to provide the proper documentation to prove ownership.
- G. Current burial lot sizes:
 - 1. Two (2) casket: 9' x 9'
 - 2. Four (4) casket: 9' x 18'
 - 3. Eight (8) casket: 18' x 18'
 - 4. Cremation: sized to the area used
- H. Upon interment, burial personnel will place a temporary marker (provided by the Greenland Cemetery Trustees) that identifies the location of the remains.
- I. Indigent persons passing away in Greenland will be provided a cremation lot, urn and footstone.

II. Interments

- A. Arrangements for interment should be made a minimum of 48 hours in advance with the Greenland Cemetery Trustees or Sexton.
- B. The Town of Greenland Cemetery is for human burials only.
- C. Every casket shall be enclosed in an outer container (vault/box) of concrete or equal type material.
- D. Only one (1) casket body burial is allowed in each grave. One (1) cremation burial is allowed on top of a casket body burial. Two (2) cremation burials are allowed instead of one (1) casket burial.

- E. A non-biodegradable urn for cremated remains is suggested.
- F. Only two (2) cremations are allowed to be interred in a cremation lot.

III. Disinterment

- A. No disinterment or removal of the remains of any body will be permitted without the written consent of the lot owner or family member as well as the necessary permits required by federal laws and the laws of the State of New Hampshire.
- B. The utmost care must be exercised while doing a disinterment or removal. The Town of Greenland shall assume no liability for damage to any casket, burial case or urn that may occur during the removal.

IV. Monuments and Markers

- A. A proper concrete or comparable foundation around the base of all monuments or headstones is required.
- B. All Greenland Cemetery lots shall have metal corner markers. Metal corner markers are included in the purchase price of the lot. The Cemetery Trustees and Sexton will identify proper metal corner marker placements with the lot deed owner.
- C. All Greenland Cemetery lots are authorized to have an upright monument, or one (1) headstone and footstone indicating the interred remains. All monuments, headstones and footstones shall be within the proper boundary of the lot metal corner markers.
- D. Monuments, headstones, footstones or corner markers made of wood or other perishable materials are not permitted.
- E. All monuments, headstones, footstones or corner markers must be approved by the Cemetery Trustees.

V. Landscaping

- A. Ground planting of flowers is allowed only at the front and back of a monument or headstone (not on the sides) within the boundaries of the lot. Ground planting of flowers will have a maximum distance of 1 ½ feet from the base of the front and back of a monument or headstone. Only non-breakable containers shall be used for plants. No hedges, curbing (including any thorn producing plants), or bark mulch are to be permitted on any lot; no trees or shrubs shall be planted thereon. The Cemetery Trustees may authorize the removal of any plantings not maintained.
- B. No person shall raise or lower the grade of any lot or cause the same to be graded or maintained at a level other than that established for the Greenland Cemetery.
- C. The Sexton shall be responsible to the Cemetery Trustees for supervising work done in the cemeteries in accordance with these by-laws and other such requirements as may be imposed by the Cemetery Trustees.

- D. The Sexton shall recommend to the Cemetery Trustees removal of any pre-existing tree, shrub or other item which is considered detrimental, dangerous, infringes on an adjacent lot, or is inconvenient to the proper care of the cemetery.
- E. The Cemetery Trustees will authorize a spring (after April 15) and fall (prior to November 15) cleanup to include the removal of any aesthetically undesirable memorials, flowers, baskets, etc.
- F. If weeds overtake plantings, the plantings will be cut or removed.

VI. Memorials

- A. Flowers may be placed in non-breakable containers. Flowers, wreaths and flags may be placed on the grave, or on or near the monument/headstone. It is suggested that the number of such memorials be limited to two (2) and placed such that they do no inhibit mowing and grounds care.
- B. When memorials become aesthetically undesirable, they shall be removed by the owner (carry in, carry out); if not, they will be removed by cemetery maintenance personnel.
- C. At no time will containers, debris, etc., be deposited on the other side of the fence surrounding Prospect Hill Cemetery.

VII. General Rules

- A. Conditions permitting, the cemetery is open from dawn to dusk.
- B. Motor vehicle speed shall not exceed **10 mph**.
- C. No animals shall be allowed on cemetery grounds with the exception of service and/or seeing eye dogs.
- D. No snowplowing will take place within the Prospect Hill Cemetery.
- E. The Town of Greenland expressly disclaims responsibility for loss or damage to property or injury sustained by any person while in the Greenland Cemeteries.
- F. These adopted by-laws replace, rescind or amend the Greenland Cemetery By-Laws adopted in 1957.

TOWN OF GREENLAND

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
GREENLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03840

CEMETERY BY-LAWS ADOPTED AT TOWN MEETING, MARCH 12th, 1957

Sale of lots in cemeteries owned by the Town of Greenland shall be restricted to residents of Greenland and their families. Resale of lot or part of lot may be made only to Trustees.

Every monument or headstone shall rest on a well constructed foundation of masonry or comparable material at least 2 feet deep, with an apron 4 inches in width around the base. Corner stones shall be set level with the ground.

No hedges or curbing to be permitted on any lot, and no trees or shrubs shall be planted thereon, except as approved by Cemetery Trustees.

No tablets, markers or other devices of wood, or other perishable material, are permitted.

No person shall raise or lower the grade on any lot or cause the same to be graded or maintained at a level other than that established for the cemetery.

All persons who hereafter purchase lots, shall pay to the Trustees of Trust Funds of the Town of Greenland such sum as may be set by the schedule adopted by said Trustees for perpetual care of said lot.

There shall be in the Town of Greenland a Board of Cemetery Trustees, to consist of three members, one to be elected each year for a term of three years, which said Board shall have the care and control of the Town Cemeteries, and shall make annual report of their doings to the Town.