

TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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I. Direction and management of the cemeteries:

A. Under the authority of the Selectmen of the Town of Grantham, NH, the Trustees of the Grantham Cemeteries shall have overall responsibilities for the management of the Cemeteries of the Town of Grantham. These cemeteries shall include the following Grantham Cemeteries:

1. Grantham Memorial Cemetery on Learning Dr.
2. Hilldale Cemetery on Stoney Brook Rd.
3. Dunbar Hill Cemetery on Dunbar Hill Rd.
4. Hasting's Cemetery on Burpee Hill Rd.
5. Brown Cemetery on Burpee Hill Rd.
6. Grantham Mountain Cemetery off of Meriden Rd.
7. Fisher Family Cemetery off of Miller Pond Rd. (roughly at Latitude 43.5336 Longitude -72.1804.)

B. The Trustees may appoint a Sexton to manage the day-to-day activities of the cemeteries. With the approval of the Trustees, the Sexton may appoint assistants to help perform these duties. The terms of the Sexton and assistants shall be for 5 year(s).

II. Lots are available for purchase and use for Grantham Residents (or prior residents) and their spouses.

- A. Minimum purchase is one grave space.
- B. Each lot can contain one full burial.
- C. Maximum number of cremation-type interments shall be six per grave space. (Except in the case of combining full and cremation burials, in which case only one of each will be allowed.)
- D. Fees are payable to the Town of Grantham and the fees can be found on the Town website.
- E. No transfer of ownership or interest in any plot shall become valid until recorded with the Select Board's Office and such transfer or assignment is endorsed by the Cemetery Trustees.

III. Burials:

- A. All layouts and burials shall be done under the direction of the Sexton or the assistants.
- B. Winter burials shall not be permitted.
- C. Every full burial must have a vault constructed of concrete or equivalent.
- D. No interment of any body, or the cremated remains of any body, other than that of a human being, shall be permitted in the Cemeteries.

E. Double deep or full burial vaults may not be placed on top of one another.

IV. Natural Burials:

A. All plots sold are subject to the rules and regulations now in force or which the Cemetery Trustees may hereafter adopt. They shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of the human dead. All plots must be paid for in full before a deed is issued. Interment right holders wishing to transfer to the Natural Burial area shall be given a credit of the full purchase price of the traditional interment space.

B. The plot size shall be 6 feet by 10 feet with a recommended grave depth of 3 ½ feet. The Natural Burial Section, G, located in the upper left-hand section of Memorial Cemetery.

C. One burial per plot.

D. The Natural Burial Section is intended ONLY for natural burials. In conjunction with a natural burial, an adjacent plot can be used for up to three cremated ash remains in a biodegradable container.

E. Deceased persons shall not be embalmed or topically treated with sprays or compounds, unless with non-toxic products. Bodies accepted for burial shall be wrapped in a shroud, quilt or blanket, and/or placed in a burial container that includes a board, integrated or separate, for stability. Clothing is optional.

F. All materials used in the manufacturing or constructions of caskets, burial containers, shrouds, quilts, blankets, clothing, and urns shall be 100% biodegradable and non-toxic. Materials used must be plant derived, natural, animal, or biodegradable material, including the shell, liner, handles, fasteners, and adornments of any burial container, shroud, quilt, blanket, clothing or urn. Materials used in the manufacturing, construction, and finishing of products used for burial shall not contain plastics, acrylics, or similar synthetic polymeric materials. Shrouds, quilts, and blankets used for burial without a casket shall have a natural wood backer (plywood and OSB are not acceptable) no less than 3/4" thick and the length of the body, to stabilize the decent during the burial process.

G. Vaults and liners (partial, inverted, or otherwise) are prohibited in the Natural Burial Section.

H. Above ground monuments are permitted in this section but not required.

I. Disinterments are not allowed unless ordered by the State.

J. In order to protect and maintain the integrity and intent of the Natural Burial area, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to refuse the burial of any decedent for non-compliance of the Rules and Regulations as required in this section.

K. The use of a licensed funeral home/director is required.

V. Monuments and Markers:

A. Above ground monuments are allowed only in permitted sections designated by the Cemetery Trustees.

B. For an above ground monument on a single lot, the maximum monument size is sixteen inches deep by three feet wide.

C. Adjoining lots may have one shared monument.

D. Adjoining lots' monuments may be up sixteen inches deep and not closer than one foot to the adjacent lots.

E. Any grave may have its own surface marker.

- F. There shall be a fee for the laying out of a monument location by the Sexton prior to its installed under the direction of the Sexton.
- G. As a guarantee of good work and as a protection to all plot owners, the Town of Grantham reserves the right to regulate all work done in the cemetery. A reasonable charge will be made for such work.
- H. All monuments shall have foundations constructed of concrete.
- I. Lot corner markers shall be placed within the boundaries of a family lot.
- J. Ground-level markers are allowed throughout the cemeteries.
- K. The installer of a monument or surface marker shall be responsible for any expenses involved in placing or correcting location of the monument/marker as indicated by the Sexton.

VI. Floral/Decorations/Mementoes:

In order to maintain a country cemetery atmosphere and to facilitate reasonable maintenance, the following rules for landscaping need be established, plots monitored for compliance, and removal of plants and other items placed without permission or without regard to these rules. It is our intent to have a beautiful and welcoming cemetery. Please be respectful in this regard.

- A. The Cemetery Trustees shall have exclusive right to coordinate all landscaping, maintenance, planting, trimming and improvement work upon the plots or within the cemetery.
- B. All floral decorations will be permitted for 30 days after the burial.
- C. Ornaments and Flower Vases – The Trustees reserves the right to regulate the method of decorations of plots so that uniform beauty is maintained. The use of statues, boxes, shells, coins, gourds, toys, metal designs, ornaments, vases, votive candles, glass, plastic, concrete, vigil lights, Christmas decorations, crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, potted plants, balloons, pinwheels, lawn ornaments, bric-a-brac of any description, etc. shall not be permitted on any plot and any such articles shall be removed by the Town Sexton.
- D. No memorial/mementoes extending above the surface of the ground shall be erected on plots designated by surface marker plots.
- E. Above ground floral arrangements and potted plants may be placed during two weeks prior to Memorial Day and remain until July 15th. No shrubs are allowed. No artificial flowers will be allowed from April 15th to October 15th.
- F. Hanging basket hangers or “Shepherd Hooks” are not allowed and will be removed. The Town will not be held liable for any damage or loss to the hanger or the plant.
- G. Spring clean-up will begin by April 15th at which time all decorations must be off the lots. Fall clean-ups will begin October 15th so all decorations and flowers of all types, urns, and pots must be picked up or will be removed. Winter decorations may be placed on lots after November 15th. Appropriate winter decorations may be attached to a monument between November 15th and April 15th.
- H. Perennial spring blooming flowers or ground cover may be planted within 12” to the monument.

- I. Inground Perennial plantings are not allowed at surface markers, only annual plants.
- J. Planting of shrubs and trees is prohibited. Existing plantings shall not hinder maintenance or the aesthetics of the cemetery or by means of its roots or branches become detrimental to the subject lot or adjacent lots or areas. It shall be the duty of the Trustees and they shall have the right to enter the said lot and remove the said tree, shrub, or such parts thereof as deemed detrimental or dangerous.
- K. No glass jars, unsightly metal receptacles, or breakable flower containers shall be placed on lots. True floral containers and rustic baskets are recommended. Decoration of lots shall be limited to living flowers and plants and small American and small U.S.A. military service flags. The Trustees will remove all objects not listed above.
- L. The placing of small flags in metal flag holders on graves is allowed between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The Trustees/Sexton have the right to remove flags at other times or in the case of a flag in deteriorated condition.
- M. No decorative landscaping stones will be permitted on any lot.
- N. It is not permissible to place fences, curbs, or other articles on any lot.
- O. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, ornaments, chairs, settees, statues, vigil lights, breakable objects of any kind, any items containing wires or similar unauthorized items upon lots will not be permitted.
- P. The cemetery has the right to remove non-conforming items from any lot.
- Q. If, as the result of any work done, the good appearance of the cemetery is affected, the Trustees/Sexton may put such lots in order at the expense of the owners.
- R. Photographs or metal objects must be imbedded to any memorial stone or monument.

VII. General Rules:

- A. No recreation vehicles are allowed in the Cemeteries.
- B. Gravestone rubbing is prohibited.
- C. Any cleaning or maintenance work at any Grantham Cemetery requires written prior approval of the Grantham Trustees of the Cemeteries.
- D. Any person intoxicated, disorderly or disturbing the quiet and good order shall be asked to leave the cemetery. If said person does not leave, the Grantham Police shall be summoned.
- E. Firearms shall not be discharged in cemeteries, except for salutes at military funerals.
- F. No animals shall be permitted in the cemeteries unless they are registered service animals.
- G. The term "perpetual care," shall in no case be construed as meaning the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial placed upon lots; nor the planting of flowers or ornamental plants; nor watering or sprinkling the lots; nor the doing of any special or unusual work in the cemetery, including work caused by impoverishment of the soil, nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble, granite, bronze, or concrete work on any section or plot, or any portion or portions thereof in the cemetery, necessitated by the elements an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents,

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The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to change these Regulations as they deem necessary.

Adopted by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, December 13, 1989

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, December 3, 1990

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, October 11, 1996

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, October 23, 2002

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, December 7, 2004

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, January 15, 2007

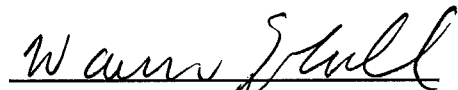
Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, March 2, 2016

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, October 13, 2020

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, October 12, 2021

Amended by the Grantham Cemetery Trustees, May 17, 2022

Grantham Cemetery Trustees



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C. Peter James



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