

**Town of Springfield, New Hampshire  
Cemetery Trustee Rules & Regulations 2023  
Pleasant View Cemetery**

**AUTHORITY**

- RSA 289.7- Cemetery Trustees Powers and Duties:

(a) Adopt bylaws and regulations for their transactions of business and for the establishment and management of all cemeteries within their responsibility.

(b) Prepare an annual budget indicating what support and maintenance of the municipal public cemeteries will be required out of public funds for submission to the appropriate agency of the municipality.

(c) Expend all moneys raised and appropriated by the municipality for cemetery purposes. Such funds shall be maintained in the general fund and paid in the same manner that funds of other municipal departments are paid.

- RSA 289:22 Stone Rubbings.

No person shall make gravestone rubbings in any municipal cemetery or burial ground without first obtaining the written permission of the town selectmen or the mayor of a city or designee.

**PURPOSE**

**Definitions:** (\* Per RSA 289:1. para.II, III and VI Definitions.)

- Cemetery Trustees\*-means town cemetery trustees elected pursuant to the provisions contained in this chapter (RSA 289).
- Lots\*- "Burial space"sold to taxpayers and residents as designed and intended for the interment of a human body, bodies, or remains, but presently not used for such purpose.
- Plot-"aka grave" A specific, identifiable site within a cemetery, designated to serve as the final resting place for casketed or cremated remains.
- Cemetery proper\*- The entire area of both the new and old sections of Pleasant View Cemetery except for the town road known as Cemetery Rd.
- Designated roadways- These include the parking area and sectional and outline roadways to be used for handicapped and funeral service vehicles to access grave sites.
- Head-stones- Usually placed at the head of the burial plot as a monument to an individual, a family, or to relatives.
- Foot-stone- Usually placed at the foot of the burial plot to provide more information on the interred person so as to avoid walking over the burial location.
- Orientation- North is directly in front of you when standing on Cemetery Rd. at the entrance of the New Pleasant View Cemetery. East is to your right and west is to your left.

**General Cemetery Property and Visitation Regulations:**

- A. Refrain from using breakable containers for flowers on gravesites
- B. Glass jars and vases are strictly prohibited.
- C. Cemetery personnel are not responsible for broken items.
- D. No shrubs, bushes or trees are to be planted on individual lots. Any existing shrubs, bushes or trees intruding on another lot will be removed by April 30 and November 1.
- E. Winter activities such as sledding or any form of sliding are not permitted on premises.
- F. Recreational vehicles are prohibited in the cemetery proper.
- G. Personal automobiles must be kept in designated parking areas and roadways, except in the case of handicapped or elderly visitors who wish to visit family grave sites.
- H. No gravestone rubbings are allowed without first obtaining written permission of the town selectmen.

**General Burial Rules and Regulations:**

- A. Cemetery Burial Lots will be sold only to residents and tax payers of the town of Springfield NH. This is because the cemetery land is set aside by the town and maintained and serviced by funds raised by residents and tax payers.
- B. Burial process starts with notification to either the Cemetery Trustee Bookkeeper or with the funeral service notifying the Town Administrator Assistant
- C. Cemetery lots will not be prepared for burial in frozen ground.
- D. Identification of the Lot Owner and Lot Number will be ascertained.
- E. Certification that the deceased to be buried is mentioned on the Lot Deed.
- F. Corner markers and foot-stones must be flush with the ground.
- G. All other markers must be flush with the ground, except for the main monument/head-stone or Veterans head-stone and American flag.
- H. Corner markers for lots and the burial plots will be placed by the Town Road Agent.
- I. All grave digging and backfilling will be accomplished the Town Highway Department, only.

**Specific Burial Types Rules:**

Each of the three burial types has specific burial rules in addition to the above general rules and regulations

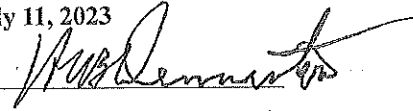
- I. Casket burials:
  - Graves will be dug only by the Town Highway Department.

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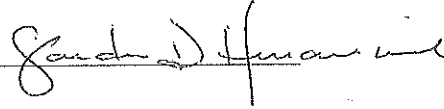
- Burial vaults are required for all casket burials.
- 2. Cremation burials:
  - Ashes will be buried in a container.
  - Ashes can be placed at any location within the burial plot.
  - The grave will be dug by the Town Highway Department.
- 3. Green Burials:
  - Green Burials are accommodated in any burial lot in the new section of Pleasant View Cemetery.
  - No embalming is allowed and no electronic device may be left in the body.
  - No vault of any material may be used.
  - A casket must be of biodegradable materials with no nails, screws, glue or fasteners that would remain in the ground.
  - A blanket or shroud can be used in place of a casket, but it must be of all natural material.
  - Graves will be dug by the Town Highway Department, ONLY
  - All graves must be dug to the depth of 3.5 feet. The body must be covered with 18 to 24 inches of soil left above the
  - No green burial plot will be allowed to go "back to nature." It will be maintained like all other areas of the cemetery.

Adopted by Cemetery Trustees: - July 11, 2023

Brandt Denniston, Trustee Chairman



Gardner Yenawine, Trustee Bookkeeper



Lynette Johnson, Trustee

