

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Grove Hill Cemetery
Town of Lisbon, New Hampshire

For the mutual protection and benefit of plot owners the following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Cemetery Trustees. Changes are made when necessary to protect the appearance of the cemetery and to minimize the burden of proper maintenance.

It is understood that the purchase of a cemetery plot authorizes the owner only the privilege, license, or right of interment in any burial space, as determined under RSA 290:24. Title to the real estate remains with the town. No other rights or ceremonials of any kind, other than those relating to memorializing the deceased, are allowed.

Interments

1. All interments must be made at the direction of the Cemetery Sexton. No interments are allowed at Grove Hill Cemetery from November 1 through April 30.
2. Proof of plot ownership must be validated before a burial may take place. State of New Hampshire permit forms will be the responsibility of the Cemetery Sexton.
3. All vault burials must be conducted under the supervision of a licensed undertaker and must follow all laws and regulations of the state.

Sale and/or Resale of Cemetery Plots

1. Gravesites in Grove Hill Cemetery, which include perpetual care, are sold by the Sexton, or Cemetery Trustees, and may be purchased by residents of Lisbon, or former residents of Lisbon who have documented residence, or real estate ownership in the Town of Lisbon, for a minimum of one year. Exceptions may be made for spouses of deceased Lisbon residents, and for non-resident property owners.
2. Gravesites may be sold individually, or in plots of two or more. A single plot measures eight feet by ten feet and may be used for two full burial or up to six cremations. One headstone is permitted for each individual grave.
3. Plots may not be resold to private parties. Plots may be sold back to the Town of Lisbon, which will purchase the plots at the original, documented sale price. Ownership of plots and gravesites may be transferred upon the death of the purchaser by will or probate in accordance with NH RSA 290:24 and 561:1. The recipient(s) of the site(s) must notify the Cemetery Trustees of the transfer of ownership and provide a copy of the will or probated decree.
4. See Cemetery Lot Sales and Miscellaneous Charges, Doc. 200, Rev 00, May 24, 2016

Monuments and Grave Markers

1. All monuments, headstones, and grave markers must be sited entirely within the bounds of the plot, and at a location determined by the Sexton and or the Cemetery Trustees. Only insured monument workers are allowed to install headstones under the direction of the Sexton or the Cemetery Trustees as to placement. Excavation for the monument may be performed by a contractor of the plot owner's choice, subject to the approval of the Sexton and or Trustees. All individuals performing services within the cemetery shall carry liability insurance with coverage limits not less than \$250,000.00, naming the Town of Lisbon as a loss payee, and shall provide a certificate of such coverage to the Trustees before starting such work, and annually thereafter.
2. Corner markers are required to mark the corners of the plot and must be flush with the surface of the ground. Corner markers must be installed within 60 days (weather permitting) of purchasing the plot. The Sexton is responsible to oversee the placement of the corner markers.
3. Monuments must be placed on a stone or concrete base.
4. No benches may be erected within the cemetery without the permission of the Sexton and/or the Trustees.
5. As a courtesy, the town installs veterans' markers provided by the Veterans Administration.

Accepted Interment Procedure

1. Grave preparation shall be the financial responsibility of the plot owner or his agent and shall be performed, or overseen, by the Sexton with the approval of the Trustees.
2. A minimum of forty-eight hours' notice prior to the opening of the grave for the funeral is required. The funeral director or family member shall supply such notice.
3. No interments are to be conducted without the permission of the Sexton or the Trustees.
4. No burial shall take place without a burial permit, and shall be under the direction of a licensed funeral director.
5. All full burial graves must be provided with outside containers (vaults or liners) made of reinforced concrete, stone non-ferrous metal, or approved synthetic material (See NH RSA 289).
6. Cremated remains may be brought for burial by any person with prior consent of the Sexton, together with a crematory certificate from the responsible crematory, identifying the remains and including a burial permit. The burial will be under the supervision of the Sexton. Cremation remains do not require a vault.
7. To enable location of site boundaries, and to avoid damage to existing graves, interments will not occur between November 1 and April 30. The Sexton and or Trustees may authorize an exemption from this policy, if soil conditions warrant it.

Conduct within Grove Hill Boundaries

1. No Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the cemetery.
2. No dogs or other domestic animals are to run at large within the cemetery.
3. All children under the age of 15 are to be accompanied by an adult.
4. No planting of trees or perennial shrubs is permitted. Existing trees and shrubs may be removed at the direction of the Sexton and or the Trustees, if deemed necessary for cemetery maintenance.

5. Flowers, natural or artificial, and wreaths are permitted; however they must be removed (as well as flower vases), by October 15.
6. Firearms shall not be discharged in the cemetery, with the exception of salutes at military funerals.
7. No recreational vehicles, such as ATVs or go-carts, are allowed within the boundaries of the cemetery.