

## Town of Salisbury, NH - Cemetery Rules and Regulations

1. The Cemetery Trustees shall be responsible for all cemetery affairs and shall compile and have a printed list of rules and regulations, making them available to the public and revising them as conditions warrant. Rules, regulations and revisions are subject to approval by the Trustees, after a Public Hearing.
2. All cemeteries shall be kept in such condition as to be a credit to the Town.
3. The cost of a Lot shall be \$200 per gravesite plus \$300 for purchase and placement of corner stones by the Town, for a total of \$500 due on date of purchase and is sold to include general maintenance of all lots in the town cemeteries. General maintenance shall mean mowing, trimming, removing leaves and natural debris, and maintaining grade level of gravesites. Gravesite site is defined as forty (40) inches by ten (10) feet.
4. All Lot owners shall be governed by rules and regulations established by the Cemetery Trustees.
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  - a) A concrete vault is required for all burials, except cremains, which may be in a concrete, metal or ceramic container designed for this purpose. Cremated pets may be buried with the owner's cremains.
  - b) One full burial and/or three cremains are allowed per gravesite. Minimum coverage over full burials should be two (2) feet, and one (1) foot over cremains.
6. The purchase and maintenance of headstones shall be the responsibility of the Lot owner. All monument locations shall have prior approval of the Cemetery Trustees. Only one upright monument is preferred per lot and will be placed at the head of the grave site(s). Each cremation must have a marker at the location of burial. Single grave markers and corner stones are to be at grade level. No burial will be allowed until cornerstones are in place. Exceptions may be granted in extenuating circumstances by the Cemetery Trustees.
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  - a) No fencing, curbing or enclosure of any kind shall be allowed around any Lot. Plantings should not "overpower" any stones and/or marker by being taller than the monument, or growing in a way to make the marker unreadable. Non-conforming items will be removed at the direction of Cemetery Trustees after due notice. The Cemetery Trustees will be the sole judge as to non-conforming.
  - b) Any natural or artificial flowers or ornaments that have faded and deteriorated excessively, or have been placed in such a way as to interfere with the mowing or upkeep of the Lot will be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees.
  - c) Any artificial flowers and non metal ornamentation that are subject to deterioration must be removed by November 15<sup>th</sup> (closing date of all Salisbury cemeteries) or are subject to removal and disposal.
8. No deed may be transferred to anyone without prior notification and approval of the Cemetery Trustees.
9. All burials and other work done in the cemeteries shall be subject to prior approval of the Cemetery Trustees. This includes changing original grade level. Grave openings will be accomplished only by individuals under contract, or approved by Trustees.
10. No bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off highway recreational vehicles, horses or other animals shall be permitted in the cemeteries.
11. Interments:
  - a) Winter burials shall be done at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees.
  - b) All burials will require 72 hour notice. Exceptions may be granted in extenuating circumstances by the Cemetery Trustees.
  - c) All burials will be under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees.
  - d) All burials will conform to Town and State statutes.
12. Lots shall be available to residents only. Exceptions may be granted in extenuating circumstances by the Cemetery Trustees.
13. The cemetery gates will be closed to vehicles from November 15 through April 15, as weather permits at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees.
14. The cemeteries will be operated according to State statutes and the above regulations are in no way intended or meant to circumvent State statutes.
15. Scattering of ashes will not be permissible within the boundaries of any municipal cemetery in the Town of Salisbury.