

## **TOWN OF STAMFORD, VERMONT CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following are the rules and regulations for the operation of the Houghton and Millard cemeteries in the Town of Stamford, Vermont. They are to be carried out by the elected Cemetery Commissioners. The Commission is the designated agent for the Town in the sale of cemetery lots.

### **Grave Purchase**

- Graves will be sold to residents or landowners of the town for \$265.00 (which includes a \$15.00 recording fee).
- Purchase price for non-residents will be \$465.00 (which includes a \$15.00 recording fee).
- The deed recording fee of \$15.00 per page is collected by the Town at the time of sale.
- A grave is one full burial, 4 cremations or 3 vaulted cremations.
- Multiple contiguous graves may be purchased to form a 'lot'.
- Lots may be deeded to a family member or sold back to the Town (for the original purchase price).
- A non-vaulted cremation may be interred on top of a full burial. Full burial must occur first.

### **Monuments and Markers**

- Only one free-standing monument may be placed per lot
- Monuments should be no greater than 4 feet wide, 2 feet high and appropriate for the size of the lot.
- The monument must be flush with the back border of the lot and centered.
- Footings for the monuments must be installed 4-5 feet deep.
- The monument base must be no higher than 6-8 inches above ground.
- Grave markers and or military plaques must be no larger than 12 x 24 inches, flat, flush to the ground and centered (no raised, slanted markers).
- Lot corner markers are optional as of 1/1/2012 and must be placed inside the grave lot measurement.
- A Commissioner must be present when footings are being dug and poured. It is the responsibility of the owner of the lot to notify the commission so a commissioner may be present while work is being done.

### **Decorations**

- Decorations or flowers must not exceed 15 inches in front of the monument.
- Shrubs are not allowed to be planted near the monuments. Any existing (grandfathered in 2008) shrubs must be kept below a height of 3 feet high and 2 feet wide.
- Commissioners reserve the right to trim or remove any existing shrubs.
- Flowers and decorations must be removed by October 1; any flowers remaining after that date will be removed by the Commission.
- US flags will be placed on military graves before Memorial Day and removed after Veteran's day by the Commission. Flag holders will be supplied by the funeral home at the time of burial.

## Grave Preparation

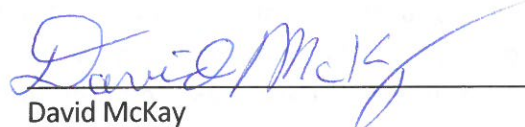
- All burials must go through the Cemetery Commission and grave preparation will be conducted by a contractor secured by the commission.
- Full burials will be prepared per Vermont Statutes Title 18: Chapter 121, paragraph 5319.
- Excavation for a cremation burial will be done to accommodate the size of the urn, insuring there is at least 12 inches of soil covering the urn.
- Fees for full burials and cremations will be determined by the excavator. Payment to the excavator will be made through the funeral home or in the event a funeral home is not involved, directly to the person preparing the grave. The commission will not be responsible for billing for these services or receiving payment for such.
- Cemetery Fee: \$50.00 payable to the Commissioner who attends to the burial.
- A Commissioner must be present when graves are opened and during burials.
- The cemetery will be opened and closed at the discretion of the commission. The commissioners will consider the weather, the condition of the cemetery and the availability of an excavator.

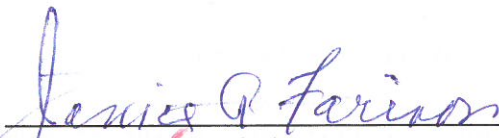
Prepared and voted upon:

Date: June 1, 2020

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Sally A. Bohl, Chairperson

  
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Copies of these rules and regulations:

- \* will be given to anyone purchasing a lot.
- \* will be sent to area funeral directors.
- \* will be sent to area monument providers.
- \* will be available for the asking in the Town Office.