

Town of Greenfield, N.H.

Greenvale Cemetery

Lots and Plantings

Definitions and Regulations

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Cemeteries are a hallowed commemoration to those that have lived and died. It is important that an atmosphere of serenity and beauty greet all who visit. The following regulations are adopted in keeping with that requirement.

If a situation arises that is not covered by these regulations, the Trustees shall have the right and responsibility to take whatever action they judge to be correct, reasonable and in the best interests of all.

DEFINITIONS:

The **Trustees** are a group of three individuals elected at general election to serve as the "Cemetery Trustees."

A **monument** shall mean a head stone, gravestone or any memorial that extends above the ground.

A **marker** shall mean any stone flush with the ground.

Corner markers shall mean any stone flush with the ground used to mark the corners of a lot or plot.

A **lot** shall mean an area that extends 10 feet in the direction of the row and 10 feet deep.

A **plot, grave or site** shall mean an area approximately 3.3 feet by 10 feet and will accommodate the interment of one adult.

LOTS AND MONUMENTS:

1. Lots or partial lots can only be purchased by residents of Greenfield or by individuals with ties to Greenfield. That purchase allows and permits for the burial of the dead and the placement of suitable markers and monuments. However, the town retains the ownership of the property defined by the deed. Each burial place is identified first by the number of the row and then by the number of the lot.
2. Lots are defined and priced as follows:
 - a. A lot 10 feet by 10 feet - \$350 each
 - b. A single grave (3 per lot) - \$200 each
3. Burial costs are subject to change and are as follows:
 - a. Full grave - \$600; \$650 on a weekend

- b. Infant burial - \$300; \$350 on weekends
 - c. Cremation - \$150; \$100 for Greenfield residents at the time of death
4. Partial lots are limited in number and location. These will be defined by the Trustees as required.
 5. Purchase of more than two contiguous lots must be approved by the Trustees.
 6. Lots that are offered for purchase will fall within an area marked and developed by the Trustees. These areas will be exclusively in the proximity of lots already described.
 7. No burials of any kind – bodies or cremated remains – or the setting of monuments or markers are permitted by the lot owner or any other non-authorized individual. The Trustees and/or their appointees must supervise all such activity.
 8. All monuments, markers and corner stones must be made of a suitable and durable natural stone. A deposit of \$200 for corner stones will be required at the time of the purchase of a lot.
 9. A marker or monument inscribed with a name and date is required at all gravesites and must be placed no later than one year from the date of burial.
 10. Monuments must be proportional to the size of the lot. A monument on a single grave may be up to 2 feet high. A monument up to 42 inches high may be centered on a 10-by-10 lot. Placement of any monument over 42 inches high will be considered by the Trustees on a case-by-case basis.
 11. All monuments must be set on a suitable base that will be stable under frost conditions. The length and width will be proportional to that of the monument and the depth will be a minimum of four feet.
 12. Any monument or marker or the inscription on it that is considered improper or offensive by the Trustees will be removed with proper notification to the family or lot owner.

PLANTINGS:

1. The planting of annuals is permitted and encouraged. However, such plantings must be in-ground. Plastic, wood and other types of pots or containers are not permitted except on a temporary basis. All containers must be removed within two weeks of placement. Annuals that have died due to drought should be removed or, in season, replanted. Seasonal plantings should be removed by the end of the season.
2. Permanent plantings must have the sexton's approval for the following reasons and with the following conditions:
 - a. It is impossible to prevent unsightly grass from growing among them and the caring of this condition falls outside the definition of perpetual care.
 - b. Some perennials tend to be vigorous spreaders and are certain to extend out of the intended bounds. Further, the root system will push the sod over and eventually cover markers.

- c. The care of such plantings is the responsibility of the family or lot owner. Where such care is not provided and the result is an unsightly growth, the Trustees, without specific need to inform the family, will instruct the groundskeeper to trim the plants to ground level.
3. The placing of fencing, curbs, hedges on or around a lot is not permitted.
4. Planting of shrubbery near a headstone is permitted but must be of a dwarf or slow-growing nature. Shrubs must be placed far enough away from a monument to permit proper pruning. Consult the sexton.
5. Specifically prohibited are:
 - a. Artificial flowers
 - b. Plastic ornaments
 - c. Milk bottles, tin cans, etc., as containers for flowers

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