

RULES AND REGULATIONS

LEE, NH CEMETERIES

Three trustees of the Cemeteries have been elected to oversee and maintain the public and non-public cemeteries within the Town of Lee. It is the desire of the Board of Trustees to provide the residents of Lee with a well groomed and peaceful country cemetery where those who visit will benefit from a calm and tranquil experience.

Although there are over seventy seven identified burial grounds within the town limits, the Lee Hill Cemetery (est. 1877) located across from the Town Hall on Route 155 is presently the only public graveyard open for interments.

These Rules and Regulations apply not only to the Lee Hill Cemetery, but to every burial ground within the Town of Lee. All burials, even those within private cemeteries, must be registered and are subject to all rules and regulations as adopted and/or amended by the Cemetery Trustees and are subject to the Town of Lee Zoning Ordinances. Please note that all burial grounds are controlled through the State of New Hampshire laws regulating the burial of human remains: RSA 289.

PURCHASE OF BURIAL RIGHTS

The death of a loved one is a difficult time for all involved. The Board of Trustees recommends that the purchase of a burial site be tended to well ahead of the time when it will be needed.

A deed, signed by the Trustees of the Cemeteries, Board of Selectmen and notarized is registered at the Strafford County Registry. This deed grants a "Right to be Buried". To ensure that residents well into the future will have a final resting place in town, the Board of Trustees has decreed that the purchase of burial sites will be restricted to current and past Lee residents for the burial of deed holder, immediate family, relatives or friends, to be used and occupied as a cemetery lot and for no other use or purpose.

It should be understood that one does not purchase the actual burial site, but the right to be buried there. If a buyer decides not to use a burial site, ownership may be signed over to a relative or must be resold to the Town of Lee for the dollar amount of the original purchase, less the Maintenance and Deed Registration fees. RSA 290:24 also provides "If the deceased has designated a person to assume ownership of the cemetery lot or burial space in a written and signed document, ownership passes to that person, subject to the Rules and Regulations established by the Trustees." All purchases of lots or graves are made directly through the Cemetery Trustees.

INTERMENTS/REMOVAL

No interment shall be permitted in any lot or grave until complete financial arrangements have been made for said lot or grave. No monument or marker shall be erected until full payment for lot or grave has been made.

Arrangements for interment must be made thirty-six (36) hours in advance with the Superintendent of Cemeteries. For interment, directions must be given and all fees prepaid to the Superintendent of Cemeteries and perpetual care paid to date. The fee for interment may be learned upon request; such fees include the opening and closing of graves and associated maintenance charges. (see attached fee schedule)

All full body burial graves must be lined with a concrete box or vault. All cremation burials shall be in appropriate vault or a non-biodegradable designated cremation urn. Sectional grave boxes or wooden boxes are not permitted.

The individual requesting interment is to sign an Order of Interment before burial. A proper burial permit must be received prior to interment. No disinterment or removal of any remains will be permitted except (a) with the written consent of the lot owner or a member of his/her family or (b) with the permit required by the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

MONUMENTS/ MARKERS

The Cemetery Trustees and Superintendent do not wish to interfere unnecessarily with the lot owner's selection of monument, however, the right is reserved to forbid and/or remove any monument deemed objectionable by the Cemetery Trustees.

To the above end, it is required that plans for all monuments and markers be submitted to the Cemetery Trustees and Superintendent for approval before contracting for same. The exact on site positioning of foundations and gravestones will be determined only after consultation with the Superintendent and will conform to the regulations adopted by the Trustees. Only one marker at a grave and one monument per lot is allowed. All new markers must be set level with the turf, neither extending above nor set below the turf. Flush markers shall not be set on a concrete foundation. No foundation or any type of cement work will be used under or encircling a flush marker. Corner stones are permitted as long as they are absolutely flush to facilitate mowing and maintenance.

All foundations for monuments are to be built under the supervision of the Superintendent of Cemeteries. All foundations are to be set at a minimum of 3 1/2 feet deep. (see attachment for sizing)

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

The maintenance fee paid at the time of purchase is deposited in a trust fund. In addition to additional moneys from general taxation, the interest earned from the trust fund is used to mow the grass and to provide essential care and maintenance to each lot. Water spigots are placed for the use of visitors.

Planting shrubs and trees is not permitted. In the case of existing shrubs and trees, the groundskeepers will not be required to prune or trim them, but will take appropriate steps when they should interfere with mowing, become unsightly, or pose a potential problem to other grave sites.

All containers, ground plantings, (annuals/perennials) and decorative items should be adjacent to the main headstone / monument, being placed there at your own risk. Those flowers, containers, decorative items placed at individual flush ground markers are to be removed 30 days after Memorial Day to allow summer mowing.

Cut flowers, plastic or silk flowers, or decorations left at a grave must not interfere with the maintenance of the site nor be allowed to become unattractive. The Superintendent or Trustees will remove such items at his/her discretion when they become unsightly or hinder the ability to keep the cemetery grounds attractive. Glass containers are not permitted. Items removed by the Superintendent or Trustees will be placed in a wooden receptacle next to the maintenance shed unless damaged and not of further use.

The cemetery will be open from dawn to dusk. The gates are open to motor vehicles and burials starting April 1st unless the Trustees or Superintendent determine excessive muddy conditions would do damage to roadways or grounds. Unless an early snowfall warrants, the cemetery will remain open to motor vehicles until January 1st. Upon request, exceptions may be made by the Trustees. Please note these restrictions are for motor vehicle access only- you may enter on foot year round.

Because a cemetery is a place sacred to the memory of those interred and a place to seek comfort by those who visit, an atmosphere of serenity is to be maintained at all times.

Marianne Banks _____

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Jacquelyn Neill _____

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Revised Dec 2, 2010.

Jan Neill _____

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TOWN OF LEE NEW HAMPSHIRE

CEMETERY COSTS

Single gravesite cost \$250.00 (3 ft 4 in x 10 ft w/perpetual care)

Full Grave Excavation and Backfill

Weekdays \$400.00
Saturdays \$425.00
Sundays \$450.00

Cremation Burials

With Service \$100.00 weekdays
\$125.00 after 3:00 pm weekdays
\$125.00 Saturday & Sunday

Added cost for cremation vault \$25.00

Please note:

- The Town does not provide green coverings.
- Above charges are for normal conditions. Any variations, such as disinterment, frost, etc. will be priced at time of burial. Please consult directly with Superintendent.
- Checks should be made payable to the Town of Lee.
- Burial Permits need to be received by the Superintendent prior to burial.
- Cremation Certificates are required for cremation burials.

Maximum size of base for upright monuments:

1 Single grave	2 1/2 ft x 2 ft
2-4 Graves	3 1/2 ft x 2 ft
5-6 Grave Lot	4 1/2 ft x 2 ft

Upright stones, including the base, must not exceed 4 ft. above ground.

Flush markers not to exceed 2 feet x 16 inches.

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