

## Rules and Regulations Great Hill Cemetery, Chester, NH

### Trustees Mission Statement

*To provide perpetual care of the cemetery and oversee cemetery operations, rules & regulations, and decorum. To guide and assist Chester residents and their loved ones in the purchase, preparation, and maintenance of a final resting place. In Trust, to assure this place as a place of beauty, peace, and dignity that honors those who are buried here, their families and friends, and the Chester Community.*

Reservations will be made only on a deposit of \$100 and the balance within 6 months. No deed will be given, nor monument/marker placement permitted until full payment is received. Perpetual care is part of the purchase price and is performed under General Maintenance.

Only current residents or individuals who can prove past residency of 10 or more years are permitted to purchase lots. Exceptions would be allowed to individuals whose family members are already in Great Hill, or in rare circumstance at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Lots can only be sold back to Great Hill Cemetery; payment will be at the original price only.

No grave shall be opened for interment, or removal w/o permission from the Board of Trustees. Only the owner of the lot can designate who may be buried in the lot. All excavation must be pre-approved by the Board of Trustees. The natural grade of the lot must be maintained.

A single grave may not contain more than 1 full adult burial + 2 cremations, or 4 cremations only.

Winter burials from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> are at the discretion of the Trustees and/or existing weather conditions. Extra costs, if incurred, during this time are the responsibility of the lot owner.

Only 1 monument will be allowed on a lot (*see regulations for lot description and dimensions*), and it must rest on a foundation built of good mortar, and must be 3 to 4 feet deep. The Trustees must pre-approve the monument design and location (*see regulations for monument specs and location requirements*). A bench is a monument and cannot be placed in addition to a traditional monument, and must meet the same standard (*bench monuments require specific pre-approval*).

To facilitate maintenance, owners must plant or decorate within 12 inches of the face side of the monument only. Flowers must be placed in urns, boxes, or non-breakable containers.

***Be advised that the Trustees, without notice, reserve the right to remove any item(s), which interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery, are non-permitted, or become unsightly. The cemetery is only responsible for damage to monuments or markers if said damage is caused by cemetery personnel.***

**Non-permitted:** Trees, shrubs, fancy grass, curbs/borders, steps, platforms of any sort, stones/gravel, sticks, wires, Shepard hooks above the height of the monument or outside the 12 inch area from the face of the monument, balloons\*, toys\*, stuffed animals\*, personal memento/keepsakes\*, statuary (*includes bird baths*), non-maintained perennials. (*\*The Trustees recognize that these items can often be important parts of the grieving process in the immediate days following burial or on a special occasion such as the birthday of the deceased – a grace period of 7 days after burial and 3 days after the special occasion is allowable*)

Special note: Spring clean up will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>, Fall clean up on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Flags will be removed when faded or damaged.

**Trustees, in accordance with RSA 289:7, have the responsibility to adopt new rules and regulations at any time, and to amend, alter, grant exceptions, or repeal as needed, and are empowered to enforce the Rules and Regulations.**

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