

# Town of Albany, New Hampshire

## Cemetery Trustees



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### Rules and Regulations

The following Rules and Regulations for the Albany Town Cemeteries were adopted by the Cemetery Trustees on April 12, 1995, amended July 2, 1998, August 5, 1998 and August 2003.

#### Burial of Cremains

Small lots, approximately 2'x3', are available in Jewell, Hammond and High Street Cemeteries for the burial of cremains. If you wish to purchase Rights to Burial in a full-sized lot, approximately 5'x12', we permit the burial of a casket (with or without vault) and four cremains vessels, or six cremains vessels. Proper markers should be provided for all burials.

#### Head/Marker Stones

For regular size lots (5'x12") either upright or horizontal (flush with the ground) markers may be used. For small, single cremation burial lots only horizontal (flush with the ground) markers will be allowed.

#### Plantings

Live plants shall be restricted to perennial ground cover such as thyme, cemetery phlox, ajuga, myrtle, etc. In the event that a pre-existing planting of shrubbery is present on the grave site, the height is not to exceed three (3) feet. If such plantings reach a greater height, the Cemetery Trustees are empowered to remove and dispose of the planting with no notification being required. Out of courtesy to the family, reasonable efforts shall be made to contact the family prior to removal. *Amended 8/5/98*

#### Flowers

Flowers, both live and artificial, may be used. They should be placed in such a manner so as not to interfere with cemetery care. If arrangements are not removed by the end of the growing season (October-November) by those placing them, they will be removed and disposed of by the Cemetery Trustees.

#### General Appearance

It is expected that all gravesites will be adorned in keeping with the age and appearance of the particular cemetery. *Added 7/2/98*

### **Responsibility for Markers**

It is the responsibility of the family of the deceased to maintain markers. The Cemetery Trustees will make every effort to contact the family at the last known address if such need arises.

### **You will be purchasing the "Right to Burial" in a given lot**

This does not include the opening and closing of the grave. This is the responsibility of the family and funeral director.

### **Policy regarding non-resident/taxpayer burials**

Although the cemeteries of

Albany are primarily for the interment of deceased persons within its boundaries, there has been past practice that has allowed interment of persons who have had only an emotional attachment to our Town.

Because of this past practice we feel it is necessary to limit the use of lots for this purpose to five percent (5%) of the existing open lots at Jewell/Wonalancet Cemetery (1 full-sized lot plus 1 cremains lot), High Street (5 full-sized lots plus 5 cremains lots, and at Hammond Cemetery (5 full-sized lots plus 3 cremains lots). At such time as Hammond Cemetery's uncleared area is prepared for use, five percent (5%) of the new spaces will be available for non-resident or non-taxpayers.

### **Before a burial can take place**

A burial permit must be obtained from the Selectmen's office by either the funeral director or another individual responsible for the burial arrangements. The fee is \$1.00 for the permit required in order to keep the Cemetery Records and Maps current.

### **Effective August 7, 1994**

#### **NH RSA 289:18 Abandoned Burial Spaces – Forfeiture Procedures –**

"I. Whenever a burial space or spaces in any cemetery subject to the provisions of this subdivision have remained unused for a period of 50 years, and the owner has not improved such space or spaces by causing a monument, gravestone, or other permanent appurtenance to be placed on the burial space, the person, corporate manager, or cemetery trustees having jurisdiction over such cemetery may institute proceedings for the termination and forfeiture of the rights and interests of such owner. All purchase contracts for burial spaces executed after August 7, 1994, shall include a notice that this procedure may be invoked in the future."

Refer to Paragraphs II, III, and IV of NH RSA 289:18 for the specifics of the procedure.

Any questions may be addressed to:

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