

## CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the provision of Section 5361, Title 18, and Section 1971, Title 24, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, and such other special or general enactments as may be material thereto, the following Rules and Regulations, as hereby amended, pertain to all Cemeteries within the Town of Rockingham and under control of the Board of Selectmen:

### SECTION 1. Lot Purchase

- a. All plots shall be paid for when purchased.
- b. Burials shall not be permitted unless all previous charges are paid in full including purchase of lot and lot maintenance.
- c. No monument or marker will be allowed until the plot purchased is paid in full.

### SECTION 2. Plot sizes

Each grave plat size shall be 12' x 4'.

### SECTION 3. Opening of Lots

- a. No grave shall be opened in the winter between December 1 and April 1 if snow and frost conditions prevent opening. Special arrangements may be made but will include additional charges as outlined below.

### SECTION 4. Plants, Shrubs and Flowers

- a. Plants and shrubs will be allowed on plots by owners who have paid all charges due the Town. Shrubs shall be planted by a Nursery representative following approval of the size and location by the Sexton.
- b. Shrubs shall not be allowed to attain a height of over four feet, and shall not infringe on any adjoining grave or stone.
- c. Plot owners shall be responsible for all trimming and removal of shrubs, unless they infringe on an adjacent lot and after written notification they are not trimmed or removed. The Sexton will correct the problem and bill the plot owner.
- d. Trees shall not be allowed on any plot.
- e. Any artificial flowers not removed by the owner prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year shall be removed by the Town.
- f. All potted plants and flowers shall be removed when wilted by the lot owner, or they shall be removed by the Town.

- g. The Town is not responsible for pots, any flowers or shrubs or other vessels left on any plot. Any glass pots or vessels are not allowed and will be immediately removed.

#### SECTION 5. Charges with Perpetual Care

*To be determined by the Municipal Manager on an annual basis.*

#### SECTION 6. Specifications

- a. Corner Markers: Each lot will have four corner markers furnished and installed by the Town at a cost of \$200.00 to be paid at the time the plot(s) are purchased.
- b. Monument Foundations: Each monument will have a concrete foundation with a minimum depth of 36 inches. Monuments will be constructed and set following location by the Sexton.
- c. Headstone Foundations: Each stone will have a foundation with a minimum depth of 24 inches. Headstones will be constructed and set following location by the Sexton.
- d. Vaults: All caskets shall be placed in an approved vault.
- e. Government foot markers set at ground level are not the responsibility of the Town.

#### SECTION 8. Grounds Maintenance

All lots will be maintained in the best possible condition, weather permitting. Special work requests by a plot owner will be accomplished with appropriate charges being made to the plot owner.

#### SECTION 9. Trespassing

The cemeteries in the Town of Rockingham are hereby declared off limits during the hours of darkness.

#### SECTION 10 – 11. Vandalism and Penalties

Vandalism and Penalties are incorporated in the Vermont State Law under Sub-Chapter 9 Dead Bodies, Cemeteries, and Monuments of Title 13 V.S.A. Sections 3761-3767 which are made a part of these Rules and Regulations.

#### SECTION 12. Amendments

These Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Section 1976 Title 24 V.S.A.

#### SECTION 13. Publication, Recording and Effective Date

These Regulations shall be entered in the minutes of the municipality and posted in at least five conspicuous places within the municipality, and published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality on a day not more than 14 days following the date when the Regulation is adopted. These Regulations shall become effective at the expiration of 60 days from the date of adoption by the Board of Selectmen.

#### SECTION 14. Effective Date of Adoption

These Regulations adopted by the legislative body of the Town of Rockingham on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1980 and entered in the Minutes of said Town on that date and which become effective on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1980 and

Which were amended and adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rockingham on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1983 are further;

Amended and adopted by the undersigned legislative body of the Town of Rockingham on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1993 and entered in the Minutes of the said Town on that date and will become effective on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1994, are further

Amended and adopted by the undersigned legislative body of the Town of Rockingham on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006 and entered in the Minutes of the said Town on that date, and will become effective on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

#### **ROCKINGHAM SELECTBOARD**

s/Thomas MacPhee, Chair

s/Ann C. DiBernardo

s/Leslie Goldman

s/Dennis Harty

SECTION 5. Charges with Perpetual Care

	<u>GRAVE</u>	<u>PERPETUAL CARE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Per Single Grave Lot	\$50.00	\$260.00	\$310.00
Preparation & Recording of Deed			(Clerk's Fees)
Opening graves			\$500.00
Cremation burial			\$150.00
Infant graves			\$150.00
Entombment		Resident	\$ 50.00
		Non-Resident	\$100.00
Corner Markers			\$200.00