

## **Cemetery By-laws**

### **Section 1. General**

**1.1** The Cemetery Commission shall consist of the five members who shall be appointed by the Select Board. One member may be a member of the Select Board or a representative of the Board. The Laurel Hill Association is entitled to nominate a representative of the association to be appointed. If a representative is not nominated within 30 days of notification of a vacancy in the seat designated to the association, the Select Board will appoint a substitute.

Members have three-year terms, staggered so that no more than two terms expire in the same calendar year.

The Commission shall have charge, care, and management of the Town Cemeteries, and shall make all policies for that management.

**1.2** Residents or taxpayers, including those residents or taxpayers who have needed to move out of town for additional care or to care for others shall be entitled, upon death, to be interred in a burial plot in the Town Cemetery, subject to the requirements of this Article.

Non-residents, whose family members already have a burial plot, shall be entitled, upon death, to join that family plot if there is room.

The Cemetery Commission will review all other non-resident requests and decide those on a case-by-case basis.

No right of interment pursuant to this Article may be transferred, or sold.

**1.3** The rights of persons eligible pursuant to the provisions of section 1.2 shall be governed by this Article and by sections 28 to 39 inclusive of Chapter 114 of the General Laws, as applicable.

**1.4** Eligible persons shall be entitled to be interred in the next available burial plot in the Town Cemetery so long as vacant burial plots are available.

### **Section 2. Interment**

**2.1** Ample notification prior to interment shall be given to the Cemetery Consultant and Highway Superintendent.

### **Section 3. Financial**

**3.1** In order that perpetual care shall be provided for each burial, a one-time fee shall be required to be deposited with the Town Treasurer. The Cemetery Commission shall fix and amend from time to time a schedule of fees for interments and perpetual care.