

## TOWN OF DALTON CEMETERY POLICY

### General Policy

All business will be done through the Cemetery Sexton with the Cemetery Trustees being the final authority on all matters.

This Policy shall be in effect as of the date of approval, and all items in it shall be subject to review and adjustment in April of each calendar year.

All prepared or embalmed bodies will be buried in a casket, and each casket shall be placed inside a burial vault. All cremated remains will be placed in an urn or other suitable vessel. All bodies will be buried in pre-existing cemeteries or must comply with NH RSA 289:3 paragraph III.

The Town of Dalton, the Cemetery Trustees, the Cemetery Sexton and all others associated with the care and maintenance of the Dalton cemeteries shall be held blameless for any loss, damage or deterioration of any decorative or memorial objects such as stones, monuments, vegetation or other items.

All burials shall have prior approval of the Cemetery Sexton or in the absence of the Sexton, at least one member of the Cemetery Trustees.

Any other item or condition not covered in this policy shall be resolved with the Cemetery Trustees.

### Lot Descriptions/Lot Sales

It is suggested that the selection of a cemetery lot be made in person, accompanied by the Cemetery Sexton, in order to ensure the lot selected is available, and to better visualize the surrounding area.

A deed will be issued for each lot sold. A copy of the deed will be on file at the Town Clerk's Office, and the original will be sent to the purchaser of the lot. The deed will describe the lot by a lot number (if available), the size of the lot, the number of normal burial sites it can contain, and the cemetery where it is located. Each burial site is defined as space for one normal burial vault. A total of six urns may be placed within one burial site.

No special allowances for less than normal size burial sites or cemetery lots shall be made.

A copy of the current cemetery policy shall accompany each deed.

Upon purchase of a lot, the owner shall be responsible for the placement of corner markers. The lot owner will contact the Sexton when corner markers have been acquired, and the Sexton will mark the location of the lot corners. Corner markers shall be placed just inside the corners of the lot, as marked by the Sexton. Corner markers must be flush with ground level and in place within 90 days from purchase, seasonal weather permitting.

### Transfer of Cemetery Lots

Cemetery lots cannot be sold on the open market. Lots can only be sold back to the town for the original price paid.

### Memorials/Monuments/Decorations

One above ground monument such as a headstone or gravestone per burial site is allowed. Placement shall be at the head of the lot and shall not be placed on top of a burial vault. Other permanent markers such as corner stones, foot stones and memorial plaques may be placed on a lot providing the top surface is flush with ground level.

Above ground memorial placements shall be aligned and consistent with the placement of other memorials. Prior to location of a memorial, approval of the Sexton is recommended.

All other decorative items shall be placed within the lot so as not to interfere with normal ground maintenance. Any items deemed inappropriate or hazardous by the Cemetery Trustees shall be removed by the lot owner upon the Trustees' request.

Decorative items will be removed by order of the Cemetery Trustees each spring in preparation for annual grounds maintenance.

Memorial repair shall be the responsibility of the individual lot owners.

### Vegetation

No trees of any kind shall be planted in any part of any cemetery. Shrubbery shall be kept to a maximum of four feet in height and kept within the boundaries of the individual lot. Flowers, plants and shrubs may be planted at the owner's risk of damage from normal maintenance procedures.

No loose decorative stones of any kind are allowed.

Care of all vegetation, except the grass, is the sole responsibility of the lot owner. Any vegetation deemed unkempt or in violation of this policy may be removed by the order of the Cemetery Trustees at any time.

### Grave Digging

The digging of any grave shall only be performed by a person/company that has been approved by the Cemetery Trustees and the Cemetery Sexton.

The list of currently approved grave diggers is available from the Sexton or the Town Office.

The grave digger shall be paid directly by the funeral director/mortuary. Collection of the fee shall be the responsibility of the grave digger.

### Cemetery Maintenance

General maintenance, such as mowing, litter pickup, road or fence repair shall be the responsibility of the Cemetery Trustees and the Town of Dalton.

### Burial Season

No burials shall take place after the appearance of ground frost as determined by the Cemetery Trustees and the Sexton.

The opening date for burials each spring shall be determined by the Cemetery Trustees and the Sexton.

### Cemetery Hours

No unauthorized persons shall be in the Town cemeteries one half hour before sunrise or one half hour after sunset.



# **DALTON CEMETERY POLICY**

## **ANNUAL APPROVAL**

### **Current Fee Schedule:**

**Cemetery Lots-\$175.00 per burial site for current Dalton residents**

**\$350.00 per double site for current Dalton residents**

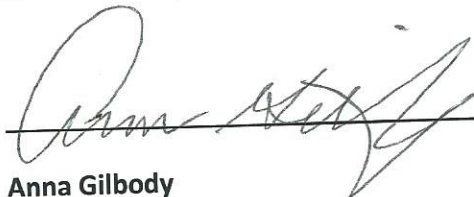
**\$300.00 per burial site for non-residents**

**Reviewed June 17, 2019**

### **Cemetery Trustee:**



**Jo Beth Dudley**



**Anna Gilbody**



**Carol Sheltry**

### **Cemetery Sexton:**



**Terri Parks**