

## Chapter 50 CEMETERY

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Plaistow 6-30-1997. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

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### § 50-1. Effect on prior regulations; copy to be provided to lot owner.

The following amended regulations supersede all previous regulations promulgated for the care and maintenance of the Town cemetery. Each lot owner is to receive a copy of these rules and regulations for the Plaistow Cemetery.

### § 50-2. Cemetery lots.

- A. Cemetery lots will be sold by a designee of the Town Manager.
- B. The use of a lot is for the lot holder or lot holder's relatives for interment only and not for sale or profit. Any resale of a lot(s) must be back to the Town of Plaistow at the original cost.
- C. Every interment shall be recorded in a permanent manner with the Town Clerk, including cremations.
- D. Full payment must be made at time of purchase of a lot.
- E. The cost of the lot(s) includes perpetual care, which is defined as mowing and trimming grass and annual raking. Other maintenance is the responsibility of the owners. **[Amended 5-24-2004 by the Board of Selectmen]**
- F. Current cost for each lot is \$400 for residents and former residents; \$750 for those who are not and have not been residents. **[Amended 10-22-2001, 5-24-2004 by the Board of Selectmen]**
- G. For each lot purchased \$250, if it is for a resident or former resident and \$450 if it is for those who are not and have not been residents, is to be given to the Trustees of Trust funds for the purpose of Perpetual Care. The remaining fund goes to the Town's Cemetery Account. **[Amended 10-22-2001, 5-24-2004 by the Board of Selectmen]**
- H. Lot sizes are 3.5 feet by 10 feet.
- I. The price of a four-foot-by-four-foot lot (for cremations) will be half the price of regular lots. **[Amended 10-22-2001 by the Board of Selectmen]**

- J. Increases in lot fees will be approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- K. No lot shall be enclosed by any fence, railing, wall, hedge, ditch or embankment.
- L. For assistance in locating the lot, burials, and installation of the foundation please contact the cemetery sexton c/o the Town Hall at (603) 382-5200, extension 10.

#### § 50-3. Flowers.

- A. Flowers will be removed when they become unsightly by either the family or town. Urns must be removed when a central monument is installed.
- B. The cemetery is not responsible for damage or theft of urns, shrubs, wreaths, receptacles or baskets.
- C. The use of glass containers is not permitted.
- D. The placing of several flower pots and containers on lots is discouraged. Flower pots/containers should be placed in a large urn.
- E. The removal of sod and digging holes for inserting pots of flowers, etc., is not permitted. Planting of flowers in front of stone is recommended.
- F. No shrubs will be allowed to grow or overlap beyond the confines of the individual lot (or group of lots owned by the same family). The lot owner is responsible for maintaining the shrubs so they comply. If they do not comply, the Town can remove them following an attempt by the Town to contact the owner of record, if one exists. **[Added 5-24-2004 by the Board of Selectmen]**

#### § 50-4. Burials.

- A. A minimum of 48 hours' notice is required to the cemetery sexton or the Town Manager's designee when a burial is to take place.
- B. Burials between December 1 and April 1 will be at the discretion of the cemetery sexton and/or the Town Manager.
- C. Lot capacities: one casket and one cremation container or three cremation containers. This does include infant burial under the age of 12 months old. Burials will have at a minimum a one-piece grave box with a one-piece cover, or a vault.
- D. Burial charges for opening and closing graves are paid directly to the town's contracted agent or directly to the Town at a fee to be determined by the Town Manager.
- E. The Town requires all cremated remains to be placed in an indestructible outside container and include some form of metal plate if the unit does not contain sufficient metal to be detected by a metal detector. **[Added 5-19-2003 by the Board of Selectmen]**

**§ 50-5. Town responsibility.**

- A. The Town is responsible for the care and maintenance of the cemetery under the supervision of the Town Manager and the cemetery sexton.
- B. The Town is responsible for ensuring that perpetual care is being performed.

**§ 50-6. General regulations.**

- A. Cemetery will be closed to visitors between dusk and dawn.
- B. Vandals will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- C. Vehicles must maintain a reasonable and prudent speed at all times.
- D. Dogs must be leashed and under control of owner at all times; and owner must clean up after them. **[Amended 10-22-2001 by the Board of Selectmen]**
- E. Do not pick flowers (wild or cultivated).
- F. Recreational use of the cemetery for bicycle riding, horseback riding, motorcycles, trail bikes, or skateboards will not be allowed.

**§ 50-7. Foundations.**

- A. Only one central upright monument may be placed upon a lot. The location and building of the foundation shall be under the direction of the cemetery sexton and/or Town Manager designee. All grave markers and cornerstones must be set flush to the ground. All monuments must have a foundation. The smaller cremation lots may only have a monument that is flush with the ground. **[Amended 5-19-2003 by the Board of Selectmen]**
- B. Grave memorials that deviate from the usual are to be approved by the Town Manager upon review and recommendation of the cemetery sexton.
- C. Monument and foundation installation charges are paid directly to the monument company.

