

TOWN OF WALES, MAINE

Incorporated Feb. 1, 1816

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Municipal Cemetery Rules & Regulations

- I) The Town of Wales (referred to as the "Town") is entrusted with the care, upkeep, and administration of our cemeteries. Responsibilities include, but not limited to, the following:
- Mowing & trimming
 - Leveling and seeding of sites
 - Maintaining driveways
 - Laying out new lots
 - Sales and issuance of Rights of Interment
 - Preparing and filling graves at burial
 - Collecting permit and burial fees
 - Maintaining proper records
- II) The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to adopt additional rules and regulations, to amend, alter, or repeal any rule or regulation, or any portion thereof, at any time. The Town will follow all State statutes governing cemeteries in Maine.
- III) There are 2 (two) public cemeteries entrusted to the Town of Wales.
- A) Pond Road Cemetery
 - 1) Can receive NO more interments
 - B) East Wales Cemetery
- IV) Definitions:
- A) Board of Selectmen – The duly elected Municipal Officers of the Town of Wales
 - B) Sexton – The person appointed by the Board of Selectmen to manage daily operations of the cemeteries, which include lawn and ground maintenance, locating lots, oversees burials and other duties prescribed by the Board of Selectmen.
 - C) Monument – A headstone or memorial which extends above the surface of the ground.
 - D) Marker/Headstone – A memorial that is set flush with the ground.

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- E) Corner stones – A means of locating the corners of a lot and are set flush with the ground.
 - F) Perpetual care – Reasonably keeping the lot mowed and trimmed around stones, fences, monuments, and markers.
 - G) Plot - The space required to accommodate an interment.
 - H) Interment - The permanent disposition of the remains of a deceased person by cremation and interment, entombment or burial.
- V) The Town Clerk shall maintain records concerning all burials and issuance of permits. These records shall be kept separate and apart from any other records of the Town and shall be open to public inspections at reasonable times and hours in accordance with State statutes.
- VI) All stones, monuments, markers and their foundations must be approved by the Town agent before erection.
- A) It shall be the responsibility of the person, or family to whom the Right of Interment has been issued, to see that said stones, monuments, or markers are erected as prescribed by the Town.
- VII) All lots issued are attached with the following restrictions:
- A) Trees or shrubs are prohibited.
 - B) All old cut flowers, artificial flowers and containers shall be removed by April 15th of each year and all summer flowers, artificial flowers and containers shall be removed by November 15th of each year.
 - C) Flags, flag stands, decorations, solar lights, statues, or other emblems are prohibited.
 - D) The Town reserves the right to remove greenery at any time they feel the size of existing greenery is detrimental to the maintenance or appearance of any municipal cemetery.
- VIII) Lot size is currently 8' x 20' for up to 4 (four) burials plus 2 (two) creations or 6 (six) cremations. Half lots can be sold for 2 (two) burials plus 1 (one) cremation or up to 3 (three) cremations. Prices to be set by the Board of Selectmen.
- IX) Perpetual care is required for all lots sold and is included in the purchase price.

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- X) All burials shall include a cement burial vault, cement liner, or cremains urn or a non-wood or cardboard container.
- XI) No trespassing from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.
- XII) No animals are allowed in our cemeteries with the exception of service dogs.
- XIII) No human remains or cremated human remains may be buried or spread within the municipal cemeteries without the supervision and/or permission of the Sexton.
- XIV) No permanent monument or marker may be erected without the permission and direction of the Sexton. Upright monuments require cement foundations. The Town reserves the right to remove any monument or memorial deemed unsightly or inappropriate.
- XV) All cemeteries are closed to vehicular traffic from November 15th to May 1st depending on the weather. Pedestrians are always welcome.
- XVI) All burials and grave digging will require supervision of the Sexton; this must also be done in the presence of the Sexton or his/her agent.
- XVII) If a plot is found to be unusable, the Town will offer another plot at no additional charge.
- XVIII) The Town is not responsible for the loss or damage of floral pieces or any decorations.
- XIX) The Town of Wales is not responsible for damage to monuments, markers, or corner stones caused by vandalism, fallen trees, motorized vehicles, or any weather conditions.
- XX) There will be no interments, disinterments or removals from November 15th to May 1st. If such services are required because of contagious disease or religious customs a special charge may be made.

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XXI) Lot Price List:

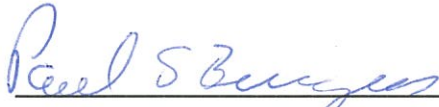
- A) Full Lot 8X20 \$1500.00
- B) Half Lot 8X10 \$750.00

XXII) Burial Fees:

- A) Cremains
 - 1) \$400.00 weekdays + \$100 administrative fee
 - 2) \$500.00 weekends + \$100 administrative fee
 - 3) \$600.00 holidays + \$100 administrative fee
- B) Full Casket
 - 1) \$700.00 weekdays + \$100 administrative fee
 - 2) \$800.00 weekends + \$100 administrative fee
 - 3) \$900.00 holidays + \$100 administrative fee

Ratified and Accepted by the Board of Selectman:

Date: 9/29/2020



Paul S. Burgess, Chair



Eric L. Gagnon



Randall A. Greenwood

Attested 9/29/2020
Sharon Siegel, Deputy Clerk