

TOWN OF CANAAN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CANAAN ORDINANCE 4/9/1987

Relating to Cemetery Regulations

Section 1. No person shall drive a team, or operate, or cause to be operated, any motor vehicle, over any cemetery lot; nor shall any person trample, destroy or remove any lot planting, including plants, shrubs or grass. Defacing, removing or damaging tombs, monuments, markers, flags, urns, and vases is prohibited.

Section 2. If in the judgment of the Cemetery Agents, or The Board of Selectmen, any trees or shrubs on any lot shall become detrimental to the adjacent lots, or rights of way, or dangerous or inconvenient, it shall be the duty of the Cemetery Agents or the Selectmen to enter upon such lot and to remove said trees and shrubs, or such parts thereof as are thus detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient; provided first that every effort shall have first been made to contact the proprietor of such lot to perform necessary improvements.

Section 3. There shall be no structure or inscription placed in, upon, or around any lot in any Town cemetery which the Cemetery Agents, or the Selectmen, shall deem offensive or improper; and it shall be the duty of the Agents or Selectmen to remove all offensive or improper objects, provided that a written complaint regarding same shall have first been received by said Agents or selectmen.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS - 1997

The Cemetery Trustees of the Town of Canaan, under the authority granted them by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, hereby state the operation and use of town cemeteries will be in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and any ordinances or articles duly adopted by the Town of Canaan. These cemetery regulations supplement the laws, ordinances and articles with procedures pertinent to the Town of Canaan and may be modified from time to time by vote of a majority of the Cemetery Trustees.

A copy of the Cemetery Regulations will be on file with the Office of the Selectmen and the Town Clerk for review by the public and cemetery lot owners.

An individual will be hired by the Cemetery Trustees for the position of Cemetery Custodian. This person will be responsible for the care and

maintenance of the various cemeteries; coordinate the opening and closing of graves with the various funeral homes; and arrange for the sale or transfer of grave sites. This person will be an employee of the Town of Canaan and governed by the Town Personnel Policy.

The following are the existing town cemeteries:

- Wells Cemetery - located on Canaan Street Road
- Canaan Street Cemetery - located on Canaan Street
- Canaan Street/Wells Cemetery Annex - located on Canaan Street
- West Canaan Cemetery - located on South Road
- West Farms Cemetery - located on West Farms Road
- Sawyer Hill Cemetery - located on Sawyer Hill Road
- Saint Mary Cemetery - located off Clark Hill Road
- Birch Corner Cemetery - located on Jerusalem Road
- Atwell-Jones Cemetery - located off Cider Mill Road
- Schofield Cemetery - located off Ibey Road
- Cobble Hill Cemetery - located off South Road

Deeds for the ownership of cemetery lots are issued by the Town Clerk and the Town Selectmen, and the Town Clerk maintains the official records of lot owners. Any owner wishing to sell a lot(s) back to the Town of Canaan may contact the Office of the Town Clerk, and shall be reimbursed the amount originally paid.

Abandoned burial spaces will be subject to the procedures of RSA 289:18.

As of July 1, 1997, the price of cemetery lots is Two hundred Fifty Dollars per lot (\$250.00). This price includes perpetual care.

Other Fees:

Install 4 Corner Stones \$150

Open Full Burial Weekday \$500

Open Full Burial Weekend \$600

Open Cremation Interment \$200

Corner markers must be purchased for the lot and placed within 30 days of purchase. Perpetual care does not apply to individual monuments placed on a grave site.

At the discretion of the Trustees, older monuments may have general maintenance work done.

No shrubs or trees may be planted on individual grave sites.

Other restrictions may be designated in the deeds for certain cemeteries.

Cemetery lots will be sold only to Canaan landowners or Canaan residents.

These regulations shall be in full force and effect as of September 1, 1997.

TOWN OF CANAAN, CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Judith Ireton,  
Cynthia Neily,  
Jacqueline Lary, all duly elected

AMENDED REGULATIONS 2018

The planting of trees and shrubs is prohibited.

Flowers may be planted only within 4" of headstones or in hanging pots.

Flowers not planted adjacent to headstones may be removed and planting is at the risk of the planter.

The adding of plot borders consisting of blocks, bricks, stones, railings, trees or shrubbery is prohibited.

The spreading of cremains, human or animal is prohibited.

Various decorations are permitted in accordance with the following:

Flags/banners-

Flags and banners must be no larger than 12 inches by 16 inches or taller than 32 inches. (Fire/Police/Military etc.) These may be placed in the ground but must be directly adjacent to and touching the stone so as not to inhibit maintenance.

Suspended Flowers/plants-

Flowers/plants must be in non-glass pots or containers. Flowers/plants may be suspended on "shepherd's hooks" no taller than 4 feet. These may be placed in the ground but must be directly adjacent to and touching the stone so as not to inhibit maintenance.

Wreaths-

Wreaths must be placed on or otherwise directly touching the stone. These may be suspended on "shepherd's hooks" but must be directly adjacent to and

touching the stones so as not to inhibit maintenance.

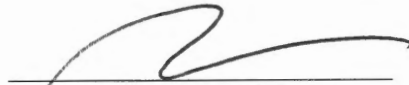
Removal-

All decorations must be removed by November 1st. Items remaining after November 1st will be removed by Cemetery Maintenance personnel.

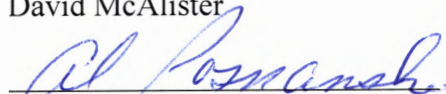
Rules effective August 1st, 2017.

Rules amended June 4, 2019 for fees.

Rules amended June 18, 2019 for flowers.

  
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Scott Borthwick, Chairman

  
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David McAlister

  
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Al Posnanski  
Canaan Board of Selectmen

# Town of Canaan Cemeteries

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|------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Atwell-Jones Cemetery  | off Dodge Road  | Map 11  |
| Birch Comer Cemetery   | Jerusalem Road  | Map 12N |
| Canaan Street Cemetery | Canaan Street   | Map9S   |
| Cobble Hill Cemetery   | off South Road  | Map 16N |
| Sawyer Hill Cemetery   | Sawyer Hill Rd. | Map3S   |
| Schofield Cemetery     | IbeyRoad        | Map7S   |
| St. Mary's Cemetery    | Clark Hill Road | Map 10S |
| Wells Cemetery         | Canaan St. Road | Map 17N |
| West Canaan Cemetery   | South Road      | Map7N   |
| Wells Annex            | Canaan Street   | Map 9S  |
| West Farms Cemetery    | West Farms Rd   | Map4N   |