

TOWN OF CHESTER

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, Section 5361 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, and such other special or general enactments as may be material thereto; the following Rules and Regulations pertain to all cemeteries within the Town of Chester and under control of the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 1 - LOT SIZES and PURCHASE

- a. Old Lots: A limited number of old lots are available and shall be sold as grave lots measuring 5' x 10' per lot and are suitable for one (1) full burial or three (3) cremations.
- b. New Lots: All new lots surveyed after February of 2003 shall be sold as grave lots measuring 4' X 11' per lot and are suitable for one (1) full burial or three (3) cremations.
- c. The purchase of any lot will include the Lot, Perpetual Care, Cornerstones and Recording of Deed. See rates in Section 2.
- d. A Warranty Deed will be issued by the Town of Chester upon the purchase of any cemetery lot. Per owner's request, the Town of Chester may purchase back any cemetery lot that is not utilized. The lot may be purchased back at a value no larger than the original purchase price.

SECTION 2 - RATES

	<u>Perpetual Care</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Old Lots: 5" x 10"	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 550
b. New Lots: 4' x 11'	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 550
c. Cornerstones:			\$ 200
d. Deed Preparation & Recording:			\$ 10
TOTAL LOT PURCHASE PRICE:			\$ 760.00
e. Grave Opening:	Weekday See below for hours		\$ 400
	Weekend & Holiday See Below for hours		\$ 600
f. Entombment:	Resident		\$ 25
	Nonresident		\$ 50
g Cremation:	Weekday See Below for Hours		\$ 150
	Weekend & Holiday See Below for Hours		\$ 300

**Perpetual Care rate is per lot.

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Grave Openings:	Weekday:	Monday through Thursday 6:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Friday 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
	Weekend:	Monday – Thursday after 3:30 p.m. Friday after 10:00 a.m.
Cremation:	Weekday:	Monday through Thursday 6:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Friday 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
	Weekend:	Monday – Thursday after 3:30 p.m. Friday after 10:00 a.m.

SECTION 3 - SPECIFICATIONS

- a. Markers: All markers must be approved by the Chester Cemetery Sexton for location and size. Any marker other than a headstone must be at ground level.
- b. Corner Markers: Each lot will have corner markers furnished and set by the Cemetery Sexton.
- c. Large Monument Foundations: Each monument will have a concrete foundation with a minimum depth of 36 inches.
- Monuments, headstones and foundations must fit within the dimensions of the lot and will be the responsibility of the lot owner.
- No monument, headstone or foundation shall be placed on a cemetery lot until the lot has been paid for. It shall be the responsibility of the monument dealer to check with the Town Clerk's Office to make sure the lot has been paid for and to report the date, time and nature of work to be done prior to excavation. The monument dealer shall also be responsible for the removal of all dirt resulting from excavations.
- The Cemetery Sexton shall be present for all cremation burials.
- d. Small to Medium Name Stone Foundations: Each stone will have a foundation with a minimum of 24 inches.
- e. Vaults: All caskets must be placed in an approved vault or suitable material such as concrete or steel.
- f. Decorations: Only the following decorations are allowed in Town of Chester cemeteries:
1. No live flowers planted in the ground;
 2. No statues in addition to headstones;
 3. All flowers and decorations must be elevated off the ground a minimum of 6 inches.
 4. Military flag holders with or without American flags are allowed;

SECTION 4 - GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

All lots will be maintained in the best possible condition, weather permitting. Special work requests by a lot owner will be accomplished with appropriate charges being made to the lot owner.

SECTION 5 - BURIALS

All burials will be done by the Chester Cemetery Department only.

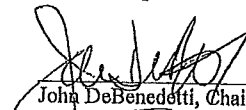
All cemeteries will be closed for burials from December 1 through April 15. Exceptions to this policy may be made depending upon ground and weather conditions during this period.

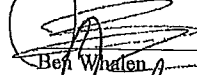
SECTION 6 - PUBLICATION AND RECORDING

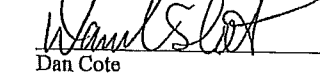
This Regulation shall be entered in the minutes of the municipality and posted in at least five conspicuous places within the municipality on a day not more than fourteen days following the date when the Regulation is adopted.

SECTION 7 - EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTION

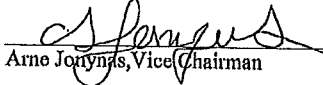
Under the provisions of Chapter 59, Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated the Board of Selectmen, Town of Chester hereby adopt this Regulation on the 20th day of April, 2016.


John DeBenedetti, Chairman

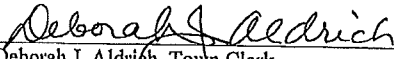

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Attest: 
Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk