

TOWN OF LEE ***CEMETERY POLICIES***

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All questions about cemetery policies, issuance of burial permits and assignment of lots shall be resolved by the Cemetery Committee.

8. Grave Decoration/Time Restrictions

Between October 31 to December 1 and between April to May 1, no decorations will be allowed in order to help aid in the maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

This rule will be strictly enforced. Decorations left after the permitted dates will be removed and discarded.

9. Restrictions

There shall be no jars, glass, vigil lights, decorative flags, balloons, vases or any other inappropriate items allowed. The Committee can review special request. No proprietor of a lot shall grade or alter in any way the surface of that lot without the consent of the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person. Horses, recreation vehicles or any sporting activities shall not be allowed on the Cemetery property.

10. Removal of Nuisance Trees and Shrubs

Any existing bushes or shrubs that have become overgrown or unsightly may be pruned or removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person.

The Cemetery Committee or their agents may remove broken or unsightly decorations or containers at their discretion.

11. Memorial Donations

Donations are encouraged. Unless otherwise stipulated, Memorial donations will go into the Perpetual Care Fund.

Neither the Cemetery Committee nor the Town of Lee is responsible for stones neglected by owners, for acts of vandalism, nor for lost or damaged flowerpots or other decorations.

The Cemetery Committee hopes through the following policies to keep our town cemeteries respectful, neat and attractive.

1. *Public Hours*

Dawn to Dusk. No person or persons shall be on the premises after dark. (Mass. General Laws Chapter 14, Section 42A).

2. *Eligibility to Purchase Graves*

Only residents of Lee are eligible to purchase a grave in Fairmount Cemetery. It should be noted that there are currently no more available graves left for sale in the South Lee Cemetery. Lee Cemeteries are owned in perpetuity by the Town of Lee. Any individual who wishes to purchase over 4 graves will have to receive approval from the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person. Any family wishing to resell an unused grave must sell the grave back to the Town for the original purchase price.

3. *Charges*

The cost per lot is \$400.00. The size of a lot is 3 ½ by 11 feet. If lots are not paid for in full within 90 days of purchase, the lots will be forfeited back to the Town. People in need may be granted special consideration. This will be a decision of the Cemetery Committee.

4. *Burials Per Grave*

One full and two cremations, one full and one infant, or up to four cremations per grave. All bodies interred in the Town Cemetery must be placed in a permanent outer receptacle other than glass.

5. *Installation of Monuments or Markers*

No memorial grave marker of any kind shall be placed on a lot that has not been paid for in full. No monument or marker shall be erected until the material, style, size and inscription have been submitted and approved by the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person. Proprietors or their representatives shall submit to the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person a sketch representing the monument or marker including exact measurements and a copy of the inscription.

6. *Foundations*

Foundations are required under all monuments, statues and Veterans bronze markers. The base of each monument must be leveled on the bottom so as to sit solidly and erect on the foundation. Only flush markers are allowed on single grave lots and are to be no more than 3' wide. Multiple grave lots may have non-flush monuments. The monument must not extend beyond 6" from the side of the lot. All non-military flush markers are placed at the head of the lot. Veteran's markers are placed at the foot of the lot. Flush corner markers are allowed at the owner's expense and are encouraged by the Cemetery Committee.

All foundations will be installed under the direction of the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person. Foundations will be poured after a reasonable amount of time upon approval of the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person and availability of weather and ground conditions through the summer. Orders received by May 1 may be poured in time for Memorial Day weather permitting. Orders received by October 1 will be poured before the frost arrives.

7. *Plantings*

In ground flowers are allowed the maximum length of the foundation, widths not more than 12" and only on one side of the monument. If preferred, no more than two pots or one box of flowers and or plants will be allowed per plot. Flowers may remain through the summer season but must be cut in the fall after the first frost. Please help with the fall clean up!

No plantings of trees and shrubs per plot. Donated trees will be welcome. Locations and species of trees and shrubs will be determined by the Cemetery Committee and/or designated person.