

HOPE GROVE CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Article 1. Lots may be purchased by residents and real estate owners of property in Hope, for the burial of their immediate family, i.e., husband, wife, children, stepchildren, father and mother. All other transfers and sale of lots and burials shall be at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Article 2. Sale of the lots will be at the Town Office. Price for each burial lot shall be \$400.00 and must be paid at the time of sale.

Article 3. The owners of lots or graves in this cemetery or their heirs, shall not grant, sell or convey to any person or persons their interest in said lots or graves. Upon approval of the Board of Selectmen interests in said lots must be sold back to the town for the original selling price.

Article 4. The lots and graves in this cemetery shall be used only for the purpose of one (1) Human burial, or no more than four (4) human cremation urns per lot, and that burial to be made under the direction of at least one (1) Selectman or their Representative.

Article 5. No interment shall be made until the owner of record has been determined by a member of the Board of Selectmen, or a representative of the cemetery committee. No interment shall be made until the fees for the opening of the grave have been paid in full. The cemetery will be closed to burials from December 1st to April 15th.

Article 6. A fee, to be established by the Selectmen for the representative of the cemetery committee, may be charged for the identification of lots and the fee shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Town of Hope.

Article 7. Memorial stones of an upright nature shall be allowed, the size not to exceed 48 inches long, 16 inches wide, and 29 inches above the turf, to be set on a cement foundation installed by a cemetery monument or memorial setter and the bottom of the cement foundation must be at least four (4) feet from the bottom of the memorial stone. If a memorial grave marker is chosen instead of an upright memorial stone, the size must be twenty-four (24) inches long and twelve (12) inches wide, also to be set on a cement foundation as regulated above for upright stones. Fieldstones are permitted provided that their dimensions fall within these guidelines.

Article 8. With the exception of cremation remains, all burials must be in a concrete, fiberglass or other approved vault used for such burials.

Article 9. All burials shall be made with the head toward the avenues in each section.

Article 10. No wooden blocks, cement or composition stones shall be allowed on any lot or grave.

Article 11. Planting of trees, shrubs, flowers or bushes on the lots is not allowed. Baskets and vases for real or artificial flowers, along with wreaths, flags and their holders are allowed. All

baskets, wreaths and vases may be removed by cemetery workers from October 15th to April 15th to allow for clean-up work.

Article 12. Money from the sale of burial lots will be divided 70% for perpetual care fund, the interest of which, together with the remaining 30% will go to the Cemetery General Fund for maintenance and development of Hope cemeteries.

Article 13. Animals, bicycles, motorcycles, motorbikes, snowmobiles, and all terrain vehicles are prohibited within the cemetery.

Article 14. The bringing of firearms into the cemetery, except by military escort, is prohibited. The discharge of , or carrying of, any offensive weapon, such as bow and arrow, air rifles, slingshots, or the hurling of rocks or pellets, is strictly prohibited.

Article 15. These rules, regulations and pricing may be changed at any time by a majority vote of the Selectmen of Hope, Maine. The Selectmen or their representative may remove anything that is unauthorized from the cemeteries at their will. Trash and refuse will not be left on the property. This is a sacred and honored place.

Adopted by the Hope Board of Selectmen on April 4, 2008, and to become effective July 1, 2008.

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