

TOWN OF CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE CEMETERY REGULATIONS

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. 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 flowers, 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

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