

Town of Bethany Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Section 1

Purchase

- 1.1 Purchase of plot(s) is solely for the burial of deceased person(s) or for a cenotaph, as provided in Section 2.
- 1.2 Prices of the plots shall be recommended by the Commission by an affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen, as necessary.
- 1.3 As time permits, purchases of plots shall be reviewed, approved and then sold by and through the Board of Selectmen or its designee.
- 1.4 Unless otherwise approved by the Board of Selectmen or its designee, plots may not be used until payment is received in full.
- 1.5 The deed for plots that are sold shall be recorded on the Town of Bethany Land Records.
- 1.6 All plots will be sold in the forms and dimensions decided upon by the Commission.
- 1.7 All plots conveyed by the Town of Bethany shall be held pursuant to the laws of the State of Connecticut.
- 1.8 At no time shall a sign indicating that a plot or plots is/are "For Sale" be permitted to be placed in the cemetery.
- 1.9 In Section D of the cemetery known as Carrington Cemetery, plots must be sequentially sold based upon vacancies, as indicated in the mylar map entitled "Carrington Cemetery, Rainbow Road, Bethany, Connecticut, Section D" dated 5/31/2016 recorded as Map # A1032 on the Town Land Records. Plots shall be sold beginning with plot number Row A, Plot 2 of Section D.
- 1.10 In other Sections of the Carrington Cemetery, plots shall be sequentially sold based upon vacancies, as indicated on mylar maps for those Sections to be approved by the Commission and filed on the Town Land Records.

Section 2

Markers

- 2.1 Only one (1) raised monument or cenotaph is permitted per full plot. This applies

to full plots with burial of one (1) body and two (2) cremains or full plots with burial of four (4) cremains.

- 2.2 Any other marker, headstone, footstone or cornerstone, must be flush with the ground. Any half plot containing two (2) cremains will be subject to this requirement.
- 2.3 All raised monuments in the Carrington Cemetery must be placed on the southern-most plot line.
- 2.4 The raised monuments must be placed within the plot line and not over the outer line of the plot, unless the headstone is placed across multiple adjoining plots to indicate a group burial.
- 2.5 If any marker or effigy, structure or inscription that is placed in or upon any plot is adjudged by a unanimous vote of the Commission to be offensive or improper, the Commission shall have the right to advise the Board of Selectmen that the offensive or improper object after should be removed.
- 2.6 A monument base, to include the footer/base for a single plot may not exceed three (3) feet (36 inches) long and be no more than one (1) foot and two inches (14 inches) wide. (A concrete footer/foundation is required).
- 2.7 A monument base, to include the footer/base for two plots may not exceed six (6) feet (72 inches) long and be no more than one (1) foot and two inches (14 inches) wide. (A concrete footer/foundation is required).
- 2.8 Flush/ground markers shall meet the same width and length size requirements as the foregoing requirements. (A footer/foundation is required).
- 2.9 A monument or marker may be delivered and installed during the months of April through October only. Contact the Cemetery Sexton to make arrangements for delivery and set-up.
- 2.10 After a monument or marker has been placed in the cemetery, it may not be removed without permission from the Cemetery Sexton and/or Commission.
- 2.11 Bronze military/veterans markers are permitted. A bronze military/veteran's marker may be placed on a flush/ground marker. (A footer/foundation is required).
- 2.12 Veteran's flags and flag stakes are permitted. Contact the Cemetery Sexton when a military/veteran's marker or flag has been installed so that the Town Cemetery Records can be updated with the Veteran's information.

Section 3
Burial

- 3.1 All burials shall be subterranean burials, pursuant to the laws of the State of Connecticut.
- 3.2 The Funeral Director will send an interment fee to the First Selectman's Office. This interment fee shall be recommended by the Commission by an affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- 3.3 No more than four (4) cremains shall be buried per full plot or two (2) cremains per half plot.
- 3.4 Either one (1) body or one (1) body and two (2) cremains may be buried in a full plot.
- 3.5 Title to a plot may be transferred using the following language, notarized by the legal owner of the plot and subject to the approval of the Commission.

"I give permission for the following person(s) to be buried in my cemetery plot# ___ in the _____ Cemetery of Bethany, CT."

Name _____

Name_(if cremains)_____

Signature and Notary

Section 4
Flowers, Trees and Shrubs, Decorations

- 4.1 Flowers may be planted on graves no further than 12 inches from the raised headstone or a similar distance from the southern-most plot line if there is no raised headstone. Flowers must be planted within the plot lines. Any other decoration must be placed within 12 inches of the raised headstone or a similar distance from the southern-most plot line if there is no raised headstone.
- 4.2 No trees or shrubs will be planted in the cemetery. Any pre-existing shrubbery may not exceed the height of the monument stone, nor extend beyond the plot line. In the event of a violation, they will be removed at the cost to the plot owner or plot owner's family.

4.3 All objects placed upon any portion of the plot may be subject to damage from mowing or grounds maintenance or burial activity. The Town of Bethany or its agents shall not be liable for any such damage.

4.4 No lights may be placed on a plot or marker.

Section 5
Miscellaneous

5.1 No horses are permitted in the cemetery without express permission of the Commission as part of the burial ceremony.

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