

# CEMETERY REGULATIONS

## Lyme, NH

All cemeteries in Lyme are owned and maintained by the Town of Lyme, under the purview and supervision of the Sexton and the Cemetery Trustees. There are currently three Trustees, who are elected on a rotating schedule.

### Purchase of lots

1. Lots are available to residents currently living in Lyme, or former residents upon approval of the Cemetery Trustees.
2. Lots may not be transferred from one individual to another, but shall be released to the Cemetery Trustees in writing.
3. A lot shall be used only for the interment of the applicant and/or members of the immediate family.
4. Allocation of all lots, including those in special sections, will be made by the Sexton, and generally be assigned in sequence.
5. Once the Sexton has assigned the lot, the applicant will make payment and supply basic information to the Town Clerk, where the information will be entered into the database. See price list.
6. All interments, to include vaulted and unvaulted burials, and cremation remains, shall be under the supervision of the Sexton and the Cemetery Trustees.

### Cremations, Memorial Garden and Unvaulted Burials

#### Cremations:

Cremation lots are available in 4' by 4' lots. They may contain up to two cremation remains, but may have only one headstone, 2 feet wide by 2 feet high by 1 foot deep.

#### Memorial Garden:

This fenced area is available for placement of flush markers, placed by family or friends, of former Lyme residents who are buried elsewhere. Flush markers are 16x8x2, and are included in the lot fee. (See price list.) Lettering will be paid by the purchaser. All markers must be placed with permission of the Sexton and approval by the Cemetery Trustees.

#### Unvaulted Burials

1. Requests for new unvaulted burials must be made when the lot is purchased, or by permission of the Cemetery Trustees. If a family member is buried in a previously purchased lot, people may request an unvaulted burial in the same lot.
2. New unvaulted burials will be permitted in those areas designated by the Cemetery Trustees.
3. Unvaulted remains must be in caskets or shrouds capable of being decomposed or biodegraded by bacteria or other living organisms. Metals (except nails), glues, resins, plastics and other synthetics that are not biodegradable are not permitted.

## Monuments, headstones, markers

1. All burials are required to have a permanent identifying marker, either upright or flat, on the burial lot. "Coping" and other decorative markings are not allowed.
2. All headstones require a cement foundation with a minimum four-inch margin on all sides.
3. Cornerstones are required for each lot, and are the responsibility of the lot purchaser, to be placed within six months of the purchase. Otherwise, they will be set in place by the Cemetery Trustees, with a bill sent to the owner of the plot.
4. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right of acceptance and rejection of all headstones and monuments.

## Use of the Cemeteries

1. No bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off-highway recreational vehicles are allowed on cemetery property. Horse-drawn carts, carriages or wagons may be used for ceremonies with the permission of the Sexton or Cemetery Trustees.
2. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, and dog-walkers must dispose of all refuse off site. The Town provides neither bags nor trash removal.

## Plantings and decorations

1. The Cemetery Trustees will oversee maintenance, including treatments of infestations, and landscaping in all areas of the cemeteries.
2. No shrubs, trees or perennials may be planted by individuals; all plantings are under the purview of the Cemetery Trustees only, who are always open to suggestions. Annuals may be planted, but only with the concurrence of the Sexton or Cemetery Trustees. The Cemetery Trustees have the right to remove any plantings that they deem to be unsightly, diseased, detrimental or planted without permission.
3. All graveside decorations, containers, vases and floral designs, both real and artificial, must be removed by November first, or they will be removed by the Cemetery Trustees. Christmas decorations must be removed by April 15th.
3. Dumping of all trash, including live and artificial flowers or Christmas wreaths, is not permitted on Cemetery grounds, or in the trees which surround it, or down the banks on any of the four sides.



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