

# **Town of Lyndeborough**

## **Cemetery Department**

### **Policies and Regulations**

Adopted December 14, 1988 and amended January 15, 1997, November 1, 2004, June 24, 2008, September 21, 2011, November 12, 2013 and July 16, 2015.

#### **Section 1 - Cemetery Lots**

- 1.1 Cemetery lots will be sold only in the bare months of the year.
- 1.2 Cemetery lots are sold for the burial of Lyndeborough residents, former residents, their spouses, and their lineal ancestors or descendants.
- 1.3 Each grave lot will be 4 feet wide by 12 feet long. Family lots may be sold in multiples of these dimensions.
- 1.4 Urn-specific lots will be 4 feet wide and 4 feet long.
- 1.5 The Trustees will stake the lot with wooden or metal stakes. Stone posts of approximately 4 inches by 4 inches by 12 inches or larger will be installed by arrangement of the buyer and at the buyer's expense within one year.
- 1.6 A single grave lot will cost \$150. Of this, \$30 will go to the Town and \$120 will go to the General Cemetery Trust Fund for cemetery perpetual care and maintenance. Multiple grave lots will cost multiples of \$150, which will be divided as indicated above. Additional perpetual care trust funds may be arranged by contacting the Trustees of Trust Funds.
- 1.7 Urn-specific lots will cost \$75.
- 1.8 Multiple urn burials are permitted in any lot with permission of the Cemetery Trustees.
- 1.9 It is understood that purchasers are receiving a Right to Inter only, and that ownership of the land remains with the Town of Lyndeborough.

#### **Section 2 - Maintenance and Care**

- 2.1 Funeral directors or monument workers must inform the Cemetery Trustees, either directly or via the Town Office, of any work to be done on the lot at the expense of the owner.
- 2.2 Monuments, unless flush, will be at least nine feet from the front of the lot and at least one foot from the back and sides, the front being the side nearest to the driveway. On urn-specific lots, monuments will be at least one foot from all sides.
- 2.3 The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to approve all monuments and their placement.
- 2.3 No perennial plantings may be done without approval of the Cemetery Trustees.
- 2.4 The lot owner or family will be responsible for the trimming and care of perennial plantings, shrubs and trees. Plantings may be trimmed or removed by maintenance workers at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees.
- 2.5 No planting will infringe on the lots of others or interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery.
- 2.6 Cemetery maintenance workers will make all reasonable attempts to work around flowers and other decorations. Lot owners and relatives must place flowers so as not to create extra work for the maintenance workers.
- 2.7 During the month of October, all flowers and other decorations will be removed.
- 2.8 Flags will be removed in November following Veteran's Day.

#### **Section 3 - Burials**

- 3.1 Burials will take place only during the bare months of the year and when the ground is not frozen. The Trustees will determine when burials can safely be accomplished.

- 3.2 Funeral directors should contact the Cemetery Trustees, either directly or via the Town Office, to make burial arrangements.
- 3.3 Concrete vaults will be used for all casket burials.
- 3.4 The funeral director will be responsible for the proper burial.

#### **Section 4 - Hours and Restrictions**

- 4.1 All cemeteries will be open to lot owners and their relatives during daylight hours. All cemeteries will be closed after dusk.
- 4.2 Horses are not permitted in any cemetery.
- 4.3 Except for service dogs, walking dogs in cemeteries is not permitted.

#### **Section 5 - Fees**

- 5.1 The cost for opening and closing for a vault and casket burial will be \$600 (six hundred dollars). A surcharge of \$100 (one hundred dollars) will be added for burials on weekends and State and Federal holidays
- 5.2 The cost for opening and closing for an urn burial will be \$50 (fifty dollars).
- 5.3 The cost for urn burials with vault and for infant caskets without vault will be \$125. (one hundred twenty-five dollars).
- 5.4 Of the fee charged for a full burial, \$50 (fifty dollars) shall be apportioned among the Trustees for laying out the lot and attending the opening and closing, and the balance remitted to the agent performing the opening and closing. Urn burials may be performed by the Trustees, who will be compensated by the fee charged.

#### **Section 6 - Historic Cemeteries**

- 6.1 The following are designated as Historic Cemeteries: Center, North, Perham Corner, Whittemore and Greenfield Road (Rte 31).
- 6.2 No lots for full burials will be sold in Historic Cemeteries after January 1, 2005.
- 6.3 Monuments and other permanent fixtures and decorations placed in Historic Cemeteries must be consistent in style, size, color and material with other monuments and fixtures in the cemetery, and must be approved by the Trustees.

#### **Section 7 - Exceptions**

- 7.1 The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to make exceptions to these policies and regulations to accommodate unusual circumstances.