

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CEMETERIES OF BARNARD, VT

For the mutual protection of lot owners and the cemeteries as a whole, the following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Barnard Cemetery Commission and pertain to all lot owners and visitors within the cemeteries. All lots sold shall be subject to said rules and regulations and, subject further to such other rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Cemetery Commission from time to time.

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

1. Cemetery. A "cemetery" is Town lands set aside and intended to be used for the burial or disposition permanently of the remains of the human dead in a grave, mausoleum, a columbarium, a vault, or other receptacle." 18 V.S.A 5302
2. Lot. The term lot shall apply to numbered division as shown on the cemetery map of record.
3. Plot. The term plot shall apply to a space of sufficient size to accommodate one full adult interment (approximately four by ten feet) or cremation.
4. Private Burial Ground. A "private burial ground" is generally considered a burial ground that is on property that is otherwise dedicated to a non-cemetery use, such as a farm or a homestead.
5. Internment. The term interment shall mean the permanent disposition of the remains of a deceased person by cremation and interment, entombment or burial.
6. Memorial. The term memorial shall include a monument (tombstone of granite or marble which shall extend above the surface of the ground), marker (a memorial flush with the ground), tablet, headstone, private mausoleum or tomb for family or individual use.
7. Lot Marker. The term lot marker refers to cornerstones used by the cemetery commissioners to locate corners of the lot or plot.

SECTION II BURIALS

1. Burials in all Barnard cemeteries shall be conducted in accordance with State Laws and regulations.
2. A Burial Permit or Cremation Certificate must be filed in the Barnard Town Records at the time of burial.
3. All burials other than cremation burials will require a vault. No green burials are permitted.

SECTION III CARE OF LOTS

1. To preserve the boundaries for present and future evidence "Lot Markers" (cornerstones) shall be purchased with the lot and placed by the monument company working with the Town at that time. The Memorial (headstone or ground marker) shall be placed within 90 days and shall contain at least the name of the deceased and the year of birth and death. With regard to the Cremation sections, the Marker (Headstone) shall be a "Grass Marker" (minimum size of 12" x 24" x 4") placed flush with the ground.
2. In accordance with State law, the town shall spend at least \$500 a year on the upkeep of its cemeteries (V.S.A. 18# 5362). This includes, but is not limited to, keeping lots and walkways cleared of weeds and grass, the headstones or monuments to be replaced or repaired or other disfigurements removed. In

addition, when a headstone or monument is to be replaced, the cemetery commissioners shall notify relatives of the deceased, if known, of the date of the removal and that the relative may claim the removed headstone or monument within 30 days after the date of the notice.

3. All grave openings are under the direction of the Cemetery Commissions and shall be recorded in the Town records.

SECTION IV LIGHTS, DECORATION, TREE, SHRUB AND BUSH POLICY

1. **Lighting;** Solar or battery powered lights shall be allowed in all Barnard cemeteries under the following conditions:
 - A. One (1) light shall be allowed at each headstone or marker. Such light shall be placed next to the headstone or marker and shall not interfere with mowing.
 - B. Size of light lens shall no exceed 3.5 inches in diameter and 4.5 inches in height. Total light height shall not exceed 16 inches.
 - C. Lights must be kept in working order or shall be removed by the Cemetery Commission at its discretion.
2. **Trees, Shrubs, and Bushes;** will not be allowed in any Barnard cemeteries. Trees, shrubs and bushes are not grandfathered and shall be removed by the family or the Cemetery Commission at its discretion.
3. **Live Flowers and Plants;** Only live plants and flowers will be allowed in all Barnard cemeteries and must be placed in a manner that will not interfere with mowing. All live flowers and plants must be removed by October 1st either by the family or the Cemetery Commission at its discretion. Christmas wreaths may be placed and must be removed by May 1st.
4. **Veteran Flags:** Flags placed on graves of Veterans shall be in proper stanchions.
5. **Other decorations:** No other decorations will be allowed on any lots in any Barnard cemeteries and are not grandfathered. Any other such decorations shall be removed by the family or the Cemetery Commission at its discretion.

SECTION V LOT SALES

1. Lots may only be purchased by an individual from a current Cemetery Commissioner and must be properly recorded in the Barnard Town Records. No lots may be resold by an individual to another individual, but could possibly be sold back to the Cemetery Commission for the original price paid.