

## Town of Westminster, Vermont

### CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS - Adopted August 8, 2000 Revised October 1, 2003

Pursuant to the provision of Sections 5361 and 5362, Title 18, and Section 1971, Title 24, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, and such other special or general enactments as may be material thereto, the following rules and regulations pertain to all cemeteries within the Town Westminster and under control of the Selectboard and the Cemetery Sextons.

#### SECTION 1. LOT PURCHASE

- A. All lots or plots shall be paid for when purchased unless arrangements are made for partial payments.
- B. Burials shall not be permitted unless all previous charges are paid in full including purchase of lot and processing fees.
- C. No monument or marker will be allowed until the lot purchased is paid in full.

#### SECTION 2. LOT SIZES

- A. Each grave lot or plat size shall be 11' x 4'.

#### SECTION 3. OPENING OF LOTS

- A. No grave shall be opened in the winter between December 1 and April 1 if snow and frost conditions prevent opening.

#### SECTION 4. PLANTS, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS

- A. Plants, shrubs and trees will be allowed on lots by owners who have paid all charges due the Town.
- B. Shrubs and trees shall not be allowed to attain a height of over four feet, and shall not infringe on any adjoining lot, grave or stone.
- C. Lot owners shall be responsible for all trimming and removal of shrubs and trees.
- D. The Town is not responsible for pots or other vessels left on any lot.

#### SECTION 6. CHARGES WITHOUT PERPETUAL CARE

- A. Lots may be purchased at a cost of \$150.00 each, plus any appropriate recording charges.

## SECTION 7. SPECIFICATIONS

- A. Corner Markers: Each lot may have four corner markers purchased by the lot owner and installed by the Town or its designated representative, to be paid at the time the lot(s) are purchased.
- B. Monument Foundations: Each monument will have a concrete foundation with a minimum depth of 36 inches. All foundations will be purchased by the lot owner and installed by the Town or its designated representative.
- C. Headstone Foundations: Each stone will have a foundation with a minimum depth of 24 inches.
- D. Vaults: All caskets shall be placed in an approved vault.

## SECTION 8. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

All lots will be maintained in the best possible condition and in accordance with these regulations, weather permitting. Special work requests by a lot owner will be accomplished with appropriate charges being made to the lot owner.

## SECTION 9. TRESPASSING

The cemeteries in the Town of Westminster are hereby declared off limits during the hours of darkness.

## SECTION 10. VANDALISM

Any person vandalizing a cemetery in the Town of Westminster shall be subject to a penalty as outlined in Section 11 below.

## SECTION 11. PENALTIES

Any violation of these Regulations shall be considered a misdemeanor and the offender is subject to punishment to the maximum allowed under State Statute.

## SECTION 12. AMENDMENTS

These Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Selectboard in accordance with Section 1976, Title 24 V.S.A.

## SECTION 13. PUBLICATION, RECORDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE

These Regulations shall be entered in the minutes of the municipality and posted in at least five conspicuous places within the municipality, and published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality on a day not more than 14 days following the date when the Regulation is adopted. These Regulations shall become effective at the expiration of 60 days from the date of adoption by the Selectboard.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTION

- A. These Regulations adopted by the undersigned legislative body of the Town of Westminster on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000, and entered in the minutes of the said Town on that date and shall become effective on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October , 2000.