

## **DEERING CEMETERY TRUSTEES BY-LAWS ADOPTED 2024**

### **TRUSTEES:**

The Cemetery Trustees board shall consist of 5 elected members, each member serving a 3-year term. Trustees shall be elected by ballot at the annual town meeting to replace those whose terms expired. If a seat is vacated, the remaining trustees may appoint a member to finish the 3-year term so that the Trustees can be complete with 5 members. The Board of Selectmen must approve any appointments.

Three of five Trustees will represent a quorum in order to make the proceedings of any meeting valid.

The Cemetery Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and improvement of Deering's cemeteries; the pricing, size, availability, and sale of burial lots; and the responsible spending of their trust funds.

### **CEMETERIES:**

There are 16 cemeteries in the town of Deering. Six are town-owned, 10 are privately-owned. Only two are currently accepting new burials: East Deering Cemetery, and Wilkins Cemetery.

Hours of internments are 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday. Internments will not be made on Sundays or holidays.

Internments will not be made from December 1 thru April 15 or at the discretion of the Trustees based on weather and ground conditions.

A cemetery plot is defined as a four-grave site, a two-grave site, or a single grave.

Cemetery lots can only be sold to a Deering resident. Exceptions to this rule need the approval of 4 out of 5 Trustees.

Payment for a grave site is due upon submission of paperwork requesting a site. If payment is not received, the lot will go back into available space. The pricing of cemetery lots is attached.

All burials must go through Holt Woodbury Funeral Home in Hillsborough NH. Holt Woodbury will contact the Cemetery Trustees.

The Cemetery Trustees will place and maintain flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

### **REGULATIONS:**

Please follow the policies below out of respect for the cemeteries the Trustees maintain. These policies were put into effect so that those who mow and maintain our cemeteries can do so without obstacles that may cause damage to the plots or gravestones; their equipment; or injury to themselves.

What you carry in, carry out. Leave no trace behind.

No vehicles, except maintenance or other commercial vehicles involved in gravesite preparation or restoration shall be driven on any part of the cemeteries, except upon avenues.

Horses, motor driven dirt bikes, and off-road vehicles are prohibited in all cemeteries.

Recreational bicycles are permitted on paths only.

Pets are permitted on leash only. With respect to those buried in, and those visiting the cemetery, pick up after your pet.

Any person intoxicated, disorderly or disturbing the quiet and good order of a cemetery will be asked to leave the cemetery. If said person does not leave, the Deering police will be summoned.

Firearms shall not be discharged in cemeteries, except for salutes at military funerals.

Gravestone rubbings are prohibited

Planting trees, shrubs or plants is prohibited.

Potted plants or flowers, statues, personal objects, or items of remembrance may only be placed on the gravestone or its base. The cemetery trustees are not responsible for decorations or items placed at graves. Items that pose a safety hazard to visitors, or staff, or equipment, will be removed as soon as identified, and without notice.

## **DEERING CEMETERY PRICING FOR CEMETERY PLOTS UPDATED 2023**

**Plots only available in Wilkins Cemetery or East Deering Cemetery**

**Prices below do not include cost for a headstone, casket, or burial service**

**All plot purchases require perpetual care which is paid separately from plot purchase**

**No more than 4 cremation urns per single plot**

### **Single Plot: \$825 total**

5'x10'; will hold one casket, or four cremation urns: \$425

Perpetual care: \$400

### **Double Plot: \$1,400 total**

10'x10'; will hold two caskets, or four cremation urns per single plot: \$600

Perpetual care: \$800

### **Quad Plot: \$2,550 total**

20'x10'; will hold four caskets, or four cremation urns per single plot: \$950

Perpetual care: \$1,600

Size of plot purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Trustee signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Checks received date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Plot Purchase check payable to:** Deering Trustees of the Trust Funds. Write "Plot Purchase" in memo line.

**Make Perpetual Care check payable to:** Deering Trustees of the Trust Funds. Write "Perpetual Care" in memo line.

If a plot is unused and without monument or stone for 50 years, the Cemetery Trustees may bring proceedings for termination of rights to the space. Headstones are considered personal property and any damage may be covered under your homeowner's policy. Contact your policy holder for information.

If you need assistance paying for a burial plot, there is a Burial Assistance Program through the town of Deering's welfare office.

