

Town of Wareham
Rules, Regulations & Guidelines
For Town Cemeteries
June, 2009

The Town of Wareham Cemetery Commissioners have adopted the following rules, regulations and guidelines for the well being and protection of all town cemeteries. The Cemetery Commissioners and the town reserves the right to amend or make temporary exception to any of the rules, regulations and guidelines, without liability.

Cemetery Commissioners

Christian J. Consoletti, Chairman

Andrew Griffith, Clerk

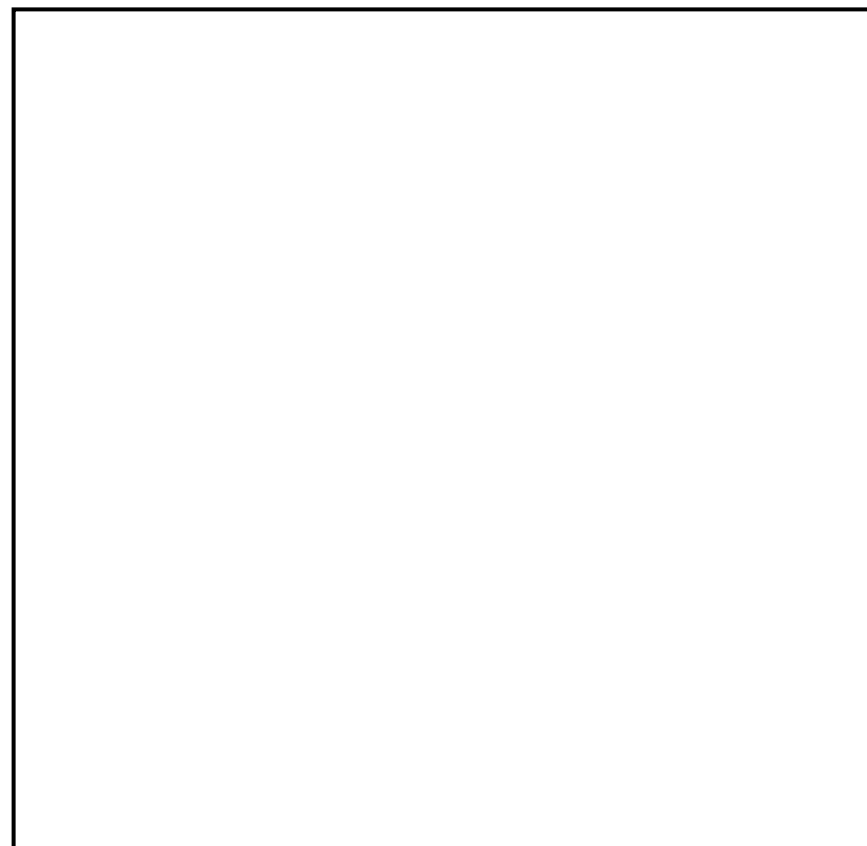
Nancy Miller, Treasurer Liaison

General Cemetery Information

1. All town cemeteries shall be open for visitation from sunrise to sunset or by any set times by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.
2. All visitors shall yield to any burial or service.
3. The Town of Wareham Cemeteries are restricted to the burial of human remains. At no time shall those remains be moved or removed without the consent of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.
4. It will be the responsibility of the Municipal Maintenance Department or its agents for the opening and closing of all graves and for the routine care and maintenance of all town cemeteries and burial grounds. The Municipal Maintenance Department has the authority to enforce all rules, regulations and guidelines. (508) 295-5300
5. All interment applications or service requests should be submitted to the Municipal Maintenance Department at a minimum of 48 hours prior to requested time for burial or services. This application may be electronically forwarded. The original must be submitted on the day of interment along with the burial permit or cremation certificate and payment of such services.
6. The closing of any grave is under the full direction and supervision of the Municipal Maintenance Department. Witnessing such closing in a safe manor is permitted.
7. All lots, plots and graves will be subject to all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the board of Cemetery Commissioners, the Town of Wareham and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Cemetery: _____
Lot: _____
Section: _____
Grave # or #'s: _____
Name on Deed: _____

Lot Diagram



Monument Restrictions

1. All foundations for all upright monuments or tombs will be poured by the Municipal Maintenance Dept. or its Agents.
2. All flat veteran markers will be installed by Municipal Maintenance Department.
3. All monument work must be clearly specified prior to any work being done and submitted for approval to the office of Municipal Maintenance Department & Board of Cemetery Commissioners, 95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571.
4. A memorial inscription of where a person is buried will be allowed. The words in memory of and the place of burial must also accompany such inscription.
5. All graves are allowed to have an up right marker and a foot marker. Example: An eight grave lot is allowed to have as many as 8 upright markers.

Fees, Payments and Burials

1. All fees are set by the Board of Selectmen.
2. Payment for the purchase of a grave, lot or plot and perpetual care must be made in full at the time of purchase.
3. Payment of interment fees must be paid no later than the day of burial.

Floral Regulations and Adornments

1. Floral arrangements accompanying the burial or services will be placed on the completed grave. They will be removed when they become unsightly or when it becomes time to facilitate cemetery operations.
2. Natural cut flowers or artificial arrangements may be placed on graves any time during the year and will be removed when they become unsightly.
3. Potted Plants are allowed to be placed within 18 inches in the front of the upright monument or on top of the flat markers.
4. At no time will a plant, bush, shrub or tree be allowed to be planted without prior written approval.
5. Holiday decorations must be removed by 2 weeks after the specific holiday. The Municipal Maintenance Dept. has the authority to remove and properly dispose of all decorations after this specified period.
6. All small memorial flags are asked to be placed within the 18 inches in the front of the upright monument. If the only marker on the grave is a veterans memorial marker then the flag or flags should be placed as close to the flat marker as possible.
7. Anything which is considered offensive or inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery or hazardous to municipal maintenance workers, visitors, adjacent lot or grave owners, for example anything or item that has beads, wires, brick, stone, glass, plastic, wood or anything that may be blown down or become entangled in mowers or any equipment and cause injury is not permitted and will be removed from the grave or lot and the surrounding area and will be disposed of in the proper manner. All plants,

statues, vigil lights, wind chimes, breakable objects and similar items are only permitted in the 18 inch zone in front of your upright monument

8. No grave, lot or plot will be permitted to be outlined or raised in any manner this includes the placement or planting of sod or any fencing material
9. No items or structures will be permitted in any cemetery to exceed the height of the monument on such lot or grave. Plant hangers must be set at the same height as the stone.

Plantings

1. As stated in the floral and adornment section. A flower or planting and adornment bed is not to exceed 18 inches to the **front** of any **upright monument**. If any item is considered offensive, unsightly or inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery it will be removed and disposed of in the proper manner. The item should not exceed the height of the monument.
2. You may choose to donate a tree or bush to the cemetery. The Municipal Maintenance Department and Cemetery Commissioners will decide on the proper area to plant such a gift.
3. If a shrub or bush is requested to be removed, please contact the Municipal Maintenance Department to arrange that removal. Only the lot owner or legal representative can make such request.

Lots, Plots and Graves

1. With the understanding that the purchaser is purchasing the **rite of interment** for him or herself and any descendants, heirs or devisees in a town cemetery. That at no time will said lot, plot or grave be considered real property. All rules, regulations and guidelines will be enforced.
2. Prior to any burial, the total amount of the purchase price of such lot, plot or grave must be paid in full by check or money order.
3. A burial lot, plot or grave shall be indivisible, and upon the death of the original owner or owners the descendants, heirs at law or devisees if devised shall succeed to all privileges. If more than one heir or devisees they shall within nine months from the date of death designate in writing to the commissioners who will be the **representative** of said lot. In any failure to designate a representative, the commissioners shall represent said lot, plot or grave.
4. No lot or portion thereof shall be transferred without the approval of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.
5. No tombs shall be constructed without special permission of said Board of Cemetery Commissioners and the Municipal Maintenance Dept. If such tomb is permitted then a percentage of the total cost will be deposited with the Town for the specific perpetual care of such tomb.