

REGULATIONS

OWNERSHIP

ONLY LINCOLN RESIDENTS are entitled to purchase cemetery lots for their use and that of their descendants. Lots may not be transferred to other individuals. They may be returned to the town for reimbursement at the price of the original purchase. All ownership of lots is by deed, signed by the Commissioners.

LOT BOUNDARIES

LOTS SHALL BE marked at the corners with a stone and at the lower left-hand corner with a numbered Andover Marker sunk level in the ground.

HEADSTONES

THE COMPOSITION as well as design for headstones or other markers must be submitted to the Commissioners for approval.

- Only one upright monument is allowed on a lot.
- The total height of the monument (base and memorial) must not exceed 42 inches, and the base and length of the monument must not exceed 54 inches.
- Only one flush marker per interment is allowed.
- The Commission has designated areas where only flush headstones may be placed.
- No monument may be placed on a lot unless the lot is paid for in full.

LANDSCAPING

THE CEMETERY COMMISSION has sole care and management of the public burial grounds in Lincoln. Plantings may be made with the approval of the Commission, which reserves the right to remove or restrict any shrubs or trees that may become objectionable from the point of view of appearance or maintenance. Each gravesite may have a defined plant bed at the base of the monument for planting of annuals or perennials. Only within this area may items of sentimental value be placed.

GENERAL

THE COMMISSION SHALL have the authority to grant special permission to depart from the provisions of the foregoing regulations in cases where it clearly appears that the spirit and intent of the regulations will not thereby be violated. The Commission shall not be held liable for any personal injury claimed by visitors.

RULES

THE LINCOLN CEMETERIES are non-sectarian and are open from 7 A.M. TO 5 P.M. and from 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. during Daylight Savings Time. The obligation of the Commission is to provide an atmosphere of quiet and respect. Accordingly:

- All pets must be leashed.
- Recreational activities, such as horseback riding, picnicking, jogging, sunbathing, ball playing, rollerblading, skate boarding, mini-biking, and snowmobiling are not permitted.
- Boisterous or undignified conduct that disturbs the tranquility of the cemeteries is prohibited.

LINCOLN'S CEMETERIES REPRESENT the care and concern of many people over the years. The natural rural quality is to be treasured and protected by owners and visitors alike. The cemeteries are not public parks. Tread lightly and honor the dead.

THE LINCOLN POLICE regularly patrol the grounds.

IF YOU HAVE any questions concerning the rules and regulations please call the Cemetery Agent at the Town Hall: 781-259-2607.

TOWN OF LINCOLN MASSACHUSETTS

CEMETERY COMMISSION



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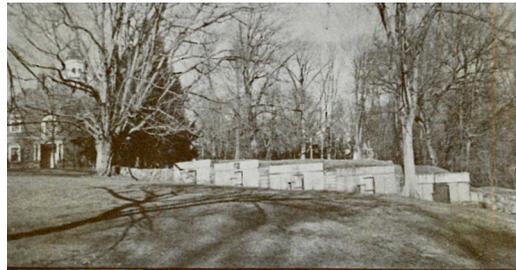
COMMISSIONERS:

MANLEY BOYCE
DOUGLAS HARDING
ROB TODD



PRECINCT BURIAL GROUND

THIS CEMETERY is the oldest in Lincoln. The land was given to the town by Ephraim Flint in 1748. The earliest known interment was that of Jonathan Gove. Other interments were members of early Lincoln families. Sippio Brister, "a man of Colour," is buried here as are the bodies of five British soldiers who were killed in Lincoln during the American Revolution and brought by wagon by Mary Hartwell for burial. A monument in their memory was erected in 1884.



The slate gravestones are decorated with biblical, poetic, or philosophical sayings. Often carvings of angels or flowers appear around the edges or at the top of the monuments.

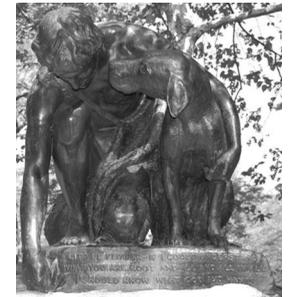
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TOWN HILL CEMETERY FORMERLY MEETING HOUSE BURIAL GROUND

TOWN HILL CEMETERY is the second oldest cemetery in town. The land was purchased from John Adams by Samuel Farrar for "Three Pounds Lawful money" and given to the town in 1756, two years after Lincoln was incorporated.

Lincoln's first two ministers, the Rev. William Lawrence and Dr. Charles Stearns are buried here. Both ministers served the town and church faithfully, well and long. Each is



memorialized with a "table" monument inscribed with details of their ministries and life service.

The gravestones continue the style of those in the Precinct Cemetery. On the cemetery hillside are six family tombs and one "town tomb."

Ithamar Spauldin, a stonecutter in the area, circa 1794 to 1800, is credited with the carvings on several stones. Not all stonecutters signed their work.

As this cemetery contains "one half acre, more or less," it was not long before more space was needed.

ARBORVITAE CEMETERY

THE THIRD OLDEST Lincoln cemetery, Arborvitae Cemetery, is located in the triangle of Lexington Road, Trapelo Road, and Old Lexington Road.

In 1837, the town voted to buy three quarters of an acre from Mr. Henry Rice. It is presently bounded on three sides by stone walls and on the Lexington Road side by a rail fence. In 1876, a Women's Committee was appointed to beautify the grounds. Arborvitae trees were planted to line the edges of the cemetery, hence its name.

This cemetery reflects the Victorian era. The lots are formally laid out and the monuments are of granite or marble in place of the simpler slate. Although more grand than slate, the carvings on the granite and marble stones deteriorate so that designs and printing are lost. Tall obelisk monuments appear in this cemetery, bordered and defined with additional granite markers.

LINCOLN CEMETERY FORMERLY

LEXINGTON ROAD CEMETERY

IN 1884, RECOGNIZING the need for additional cemetery space, George F. Bemis donated approximately 13 acres of land to be added to the Precinct Cemetery. In 1927, additional land adjoining the Bemis contribution was purchased from the Wheelers. In 1978, two more pieces were added, to the south from the Edward Flint family and to the east from a developer. These purchases completed long years of cemetery planning for the town's growth and needs for the future. In the early 1980s, near the cemetery entrance, a small pond was constructed and its perimeter landscaped with perennials and flowering shrubs, thus enhancing and perpetuating the rural quiet atmosphere.



SUPPLEMENTAL CEMETERY RULES**PURCHASE OF LOT**

- The cost is based on \$20 per square foot of space. Along Juniper Way the maximum area is 100 square feet; in other areas the minimum is 140 sq. ft.
- Please contact the Cemetery Agent to visit the cemetery to view available lots.
- Purchaser will be billed for lot chosen, and checks should be made payable to the Town of Lincoln.
- Purchaser will receive a deed, a map of the cemetery with location marked, a copy of the Lot Card, and a copy of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

RESTRICTIONS

- Lincoln residents who are 65 years of age or older may purchase a lot.
- One lot (or two spaces along Juniper Way) is allowed per family.
- The Cemetery Commission must approve designs for a monument and plantings before installation, and a photo provided for the Agent's files after installation.
- Artificial flowers, wreaths, and baskets are allowed between Dec. 1 and March 1, after which time they must be removed.
- Plantings and monument should form one group; trees should not infringe on neighboring lots when full grown.
- An owner wishing to sell all or part of his lot must sell it back to the Town at the original purchase price (State Law Ch 114, Sec. 43B).
- Unforeseen costs will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

CONTACTS

Cemetery Commissioners

Manley Boyce 259-9303

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Cemetery Agent

Valerie Fox 259-2607

DPW Head

Stephen Olson 259-8999

INTERMENT PROCEDURES

The Funeral Director or family contacts the Cemetery Agent with a Request for Interment, which includes information regarding the name of the deceased, lot to be used, location in lot, date and time of interment, and type of interment (standard or cremation).

- The disposition of cremated remains, whether contained or not, requires a written Interment Order and payment of the applicable fee to the Agent for purposes of historical record.
- The Cemetery Agent needs 2 days' notice for a standard interment. If notified on a weekend, the burial could be late Tuesday morning.
- All burials require the presence of the DPW (State Law Ch. 114, Section 47).
- Monument footings are required; for information on installation, please contact the Cemetery Agent.
- Perpetual Care funds cover seeding and possible re-grading after subsidence.

COSTS

- Lot \$20 per sq. ft.

- Standard Interment \$750 weekday
\$1,000 Saturday

- Cremations & Infants \$300 weekday
\$500 Saturday

- Interments are 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Interments scheduled at 1:00 p.m. or later will incur an overtime charge of \$300.

- Disinterment \$1,500
- Sunday interments may be available by request.
- Re-interment is at above rates.