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LINCOLN'S CEMETERIES



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LINCOLN'S CEMETERIES

PRECINCT BURIAL GROUND



The Precinct Burial Ground 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. As this Cemetery was only "one half acre, more or less," it was not long before more space was needed.

MEETING HOUSE BURIAL GROUND



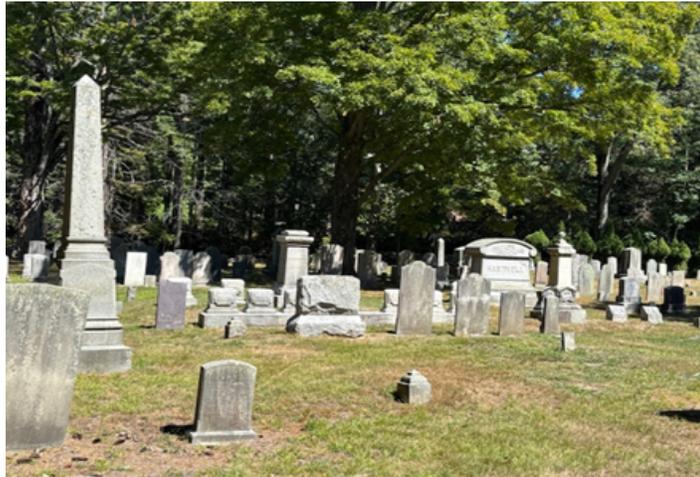
The Meeting House Burial Ground, also known as the Town Hill Cemetery, is the second oldest cemetery in Lincoln. The land was purchased from John Adams by Samuel Farrar for "Three Pounds Lawful money" and given to the Town in 1756, two years after Lincoln was incorporated.

Lincoln's first two ministers, the Rev. William Lawrence and Dr. Charles Stearns are buried here. Both ministers served the Town and Church faithfully and each is memorialized with a "table" monument inscribed with details of their ministries and service.

The gravestones continue the style of those in the Precinct Cemetery. On the hillside of this Cemetery 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.

ARBORVITAE CEMETERY

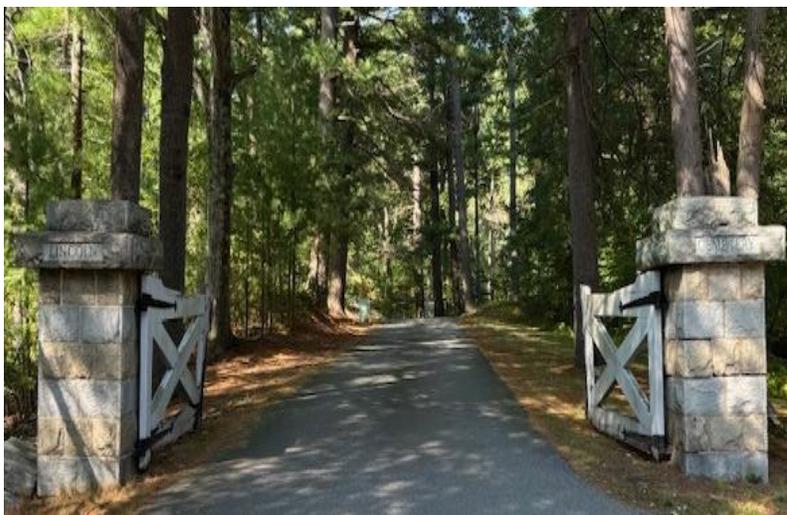


The third oldest cemetery, the Arborvitae Cemetery, is located in the triangle formed by Lexington Road, Trapelo Road, and Old Lexington Road. This three-quarter acre parcel of land was purchased in 1837 from Henry Rice after a vote of Town Meeting.

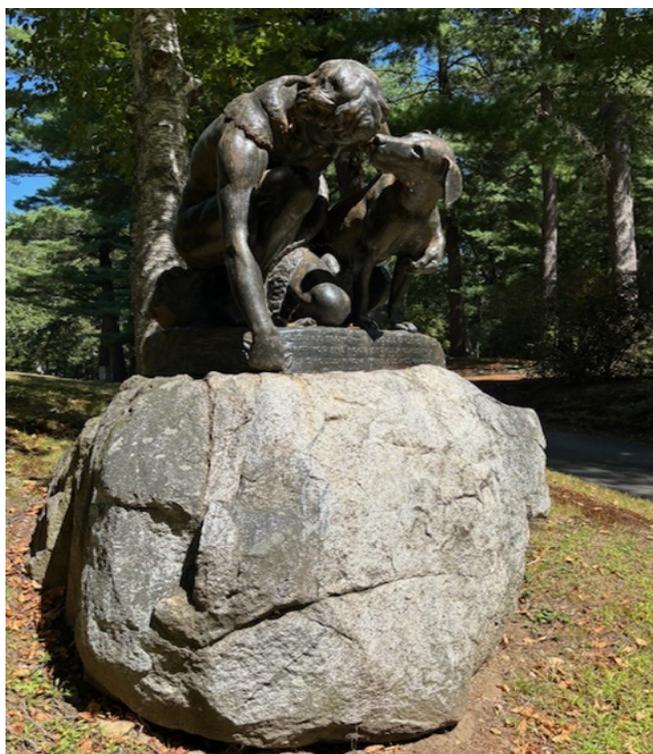
It is bounded on three sides by stone walls and on the Lexington Road side by a rail fence. In 1876, a Women's Committee was appointed to beautify the grounds and arborvitae shrubs were planted to line the edges of the Cemetery, hence its name.

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

LINCOLN CEMETERY



In 1884, recognizing the need for additional cemetery space, George F. Bemis donated approximately thirteen 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, an additional piece was added to the south from the Edward Flint family. In the early 1980s, near the Cemetery entrance, a small pond was excavated and its perimeter landscaped with perennials and flowering shrubs, thus enhancing and perpetuating the quiet rural atmosphere.



Boy and His Dog Statue by Cyrus Dallin

I. INTRODUCTION

For the protection of lot owners, these Rules, Regulations and Policies have been adopted by the Lincoln Cemetery Commission for Lincoln's four cemeteries; the Meeting House Cemetery, the Arborvitae Cemetery, the Lincoln Cemetery and the Precinct Cemetery (which is located in the latter). All lot owners and visitors within these cemeteries and all lots sold shall be subject to these Rules, Regulations and Policies. And subject further, to any amendments adopted by the Cemetery Commission in the future. Reference to these Rules, Regulations and Policies in the Deed or certificate of ownership to a lot shall have the same force and effect as if set forth herein. The Cemetery Commission may make such Rules, Regulations and Policies consistent with the law, as it deems expedient.

While Lincoln has four distinct cemeteries, the Meeting House Cemetery, Arborvitae Cemetery and Precinct Cemetery no longer have available lots for sale. Therefore the sections of this document that apply to sales rarely apply to these cemeteries. Rules, Regulations and Policies related to visitation and public use, however, apply to all four cemeteries.

Lincoln's four cemeteries are open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. The Lincoln Cemetery is open for interments Monday through Saturday. Additional times may be available upon request. Please note that the Lincoln Cemetery may be closed when conditions warrant.

II. GENERAL CARE OF LOTS

Oversight of Lincoln's Cemeteries is under the direction of the Cemetery Commission with day-to-day administrative duties conducted by the Town Clerk, who is the Cemetery Agent. The Lincoln DPW supports the Cemetery Commission and the Cemetery Agent in performing interments, cemetery maintenance, snow plowing and certain special projects. Mowing is under private contract, as well as spring and fall clean-up.

The DPW's work in the Cemeteries does not include maintenance, repair or replacement of any monuments. Any flowers or shrubs planted by lot owners must be in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Policies, and are the responsibility of the lot owner. Lot owners are expected to remove all seasonal decorations promptly during designated times. The Commission, without notice to a lot owner, reserves the right to remove any tree, shrub or flowers that have become overgrown or unsightly, or which do not follow the Rules, Regulations and Policies.

III. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Cemetery Commission is an elected board of three members, with the Chair position rotating annually. The Commission is responsible for laying out existing public burial grounds in the Town or on any land purchased and set apart by the Town for cemetery use.

The Cemetery Commission may authorize the planting, embellishment, fence installation, and improvements as it deems necessary.

The Commission also has the right to enlarge, reduce, or change the boundaries or grading of the cemetery, or a section(s), from time to time, including the right to modify or change the locations of or remove or regrade roads, access paths, or walks. The right to lay, maintain and operate, or alter or change pipe lines or lines for sprinkler systems and drainage is also expressly reserved, as well as the right to use cemetery property not sold to individual lot owners for cemetery purposes. The Cemetery Commission reserves to itself and to those lawfully entitled, a perpetual right to ingress and egress over graves.

The Cemetery Commission will take all reasonable precautions to protect lot owners, and the property rights of lot owners, within the cemetery from loss or damage; but the Commission is not responsible for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially, from damage caused by the elements, natural events, unlawful entry, vandalism, unavoidable accidents, whether the damage is direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

IV. LOT SALES AND CONVEYANCES

Only Lincoln residents, or former Lincoln residents with the permission of the Commission, may purchase cemetery lots. Those who purchase lots must be 65 years of age or older. Lot sales will not be made between November 1st and March 1st, unless there is an imminent need. Lots may not be sold or transferred to other individuals. A lot may be returned to the Town for reimbursement of the original purchase price. All ownership of lots is by Deed, made and executed by the Cemetery Commission.

The sale of lots shall be made subject to the provision that a percentage of the purchase price be set aside for Perpetual Care of Lincoln's Cemeteries and deposited in a separate account managed by the Town. All funds received for lot sales shall be deposited to the Treasurer's Office.

V. CORRECTION OF ERRORS

The location and description of lots will be in accordance with the plots as shown on the Town's Cemetery maps and described in Cemetery files. It is the duty of the lot owner to notify the Cemetery Commission or the Cemetery Agent of any change in contact information.

The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to correct any errors that may be made in making interments, disinterments or removals.

VI. DESCENT OF TITLES

The laws of the State of Massachusetts govern the descent of title to cemetery lots. The Cemetery Commission or the Cemetery Agent will assist any lot owner who needs information or advice in this regards as it pertains to their lot.

VII. INTERMENTS

All funerals on entering the cemetery shall be under the charge of the Cemetery Commission and overseen by the Cemetery Agent and DPW. No interment shall be made without required paper documentation as required by the State of Massachusetts and the Cemetery Commission.

Once a casket containing a body is within the confines of the Lincoln Cemetery, no funeral director, assistant, employee or agent, shall be permitted to open the casket or to touch the body without the consent of the legal representative of the deceased or an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

When an interment is to be made in a lot, the location of such interment shall be initially designated by the lot owner, and the lot shall be marked by the DPW prior to interment.

The Cemetery Commission, through its Agent and the DPW are the only persons who will be allowed to open graves with the following exceptions:

1. When the Cemetery Commission is directed to make a disinterment by order of a court of competent jurisdiction and a certified copy of such order has been filed with the Cemetery Commission.
2. When the coroner directs the disinterment for the purpose of holding an inquest and has filed with the Cemetery Commission his signed authorization to release the body to himself and his lawful agents. In such case, the disinterment must be made by the coroner or his lawful agents. Neither the Cemetery Agent nor the DPW shall be permitted to assist the coroner or his agents.

The Cemetery Commission requires at least 48 hours' notice prior to any interment and at least two weeks' notice prior to any disinterment or removal (accompanied by proper documentation). Every effort will be made to respect religious traditions.

The Cemetery Agent or its representatives will not be responsible for any mistakes in orders given for interments that are not precise and properly submitted in a timely manner. Specifically, lot number, owner name, and the location of the interment in the plot are required. An Interment Application must be filled out for this process and retained in the Town Clerk's files.

The Cemetery Commission will not be liable for the interment permit nor for the identity of the person sought to be interred.

No interments shall be made in any lot or grave in Lincoln's cemeteries until the Cemetery Agent has been furnished with such permits required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; nor shall anybody be interred in any such grave or lot in which exclusive burial rights have been conveyed until the Cemetery Agent shall have been furnished with an order from such owner or his legal representatives for said interment. No interment shall be made unless all charges against said lot or grave and all fees for such interment have been paid.

Any person ordering an interment will be held responsible for any and all expenses resulting from said order.

No interment shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of human remains.

The Cemetery Commission does not provide lowering devices for interments (or tents).

Burials can be scheduled Monday through Saturday. Interments on or after 1:00 p.m. will incur an overtime fee. Burials scheduled on Sundays and certain Holidays are available by request, based upon DPW availability (see page 16 for List of Holidays.) Due to weather conditions, it may be necessary to postpone or delay graveside services and/or interments. The final decision in this regard shall fall to the Cemetery Commission.

VIII. BURIAL CONTAINERS

All burial containers for full body burials must be placed in a vault that meets industry standards. A one-piece sealed cover is required and only human remains may be interred.

The Cemetery Commission does not offer the option of "double deep" burials. Cremations, however, may be placed on top of full burials. Containers are not required for cremations.

IX. NATURAL BURIALS

Natural Burials are not available at this time, but the Cemetery Commission has considered this option for the future should an appropriate location be identified. In addition to the standard Lincoln Cemetery Rules, Regulations and Policies, the Commission has decided that Natural Burials would also have to abide by the following rules:

1. Natural Burials would require that the deceased be laid to rest in a biodegradable casket, with the grave located three to four feet below ground without a grave liner or vault.
2. Natural Burials would only be permitted in specific sections and cannot be intermingled in existing grave lots.

3. A Funeral Home would be required to handle the transport and burial of the deceased. A licensed Funeral Director or trained representative must be present for the burial.
4. A lowering device would need to be supplied by the Funeral Home for each burial.
5. All wood construction (AWC) caskets would be required. No nails, toxic glues or varnishes would be allowed.
6. No concrete vault liners would be permitted.
7. No shroud burials would be allowed.
8. Only one full burial per grave would be allowed. No additional interments can be placed above a natural burial.

X. PLANTS AND SHRUBS

The Lincoln Cemetery was planned as a “garden cemetery” and is notable for its stately trees, rolling landscape and vistas of neighboring agricultural fields. The Commission is committed to maintaining this sense of serenity and using native plants wherever possible to create an environment friendly to all fauna, not just humans. The Commission wants to allow families leeway in personalizing their lots, but the Commission is sensitive to visual clutter as well as plant diversity.

With this in mind, the following Landscaping Guidelines will be used and enforced by the Cemetery Commission and their agents:

1. Flat Markers - The areas with only flat markers have been designated to preserve the views of Lincoln’s historic agrarian landscape. Only flat markers are allowed in the Juniper Way section with no plantings allowed beside them. Potted plants are allowed, however, but must remain within the perimeter of the flat marker. Low shrubs may be planted by flat markers in other areas of the Cemetery subject to Commission approval. (See Flower Planting Guidelines in the FAQ section on Page 18.
2. Upright Markers - To minimize time spent mowing around numerous small bushes, trees or flowers, only one landscaped area around an upright marker is allowed. The landscaped area shall be within 2 feet, and on the front and sides of the upright marker.
3. Borders of lots may not be marked by fences, ditches, rocks, shells, curb stones, etc. since these are an impediment to mowing and a tripping hazard for walkers.
4. There may be no decorative flags other than those designating military, fire or police service. To prevent damage during landscaping, the Cemetery Commission requests that these important flags be consolidated near a single upright or flat marker.

5. There may be no posters or other printed media on or beside headstones or markers.
6. No lights or devices that produce sound will be allowed to disturb the peace.
7. Statues are permitted if they fit within the landscape circle and are in scale with the upright marker.
8. There shall be no storage or placement of chairs, watering cans, wind chimes or other such items on or beside cemetery lots.
9. Shrubs are permitted if approved by the Commission; native plants are encouraged - to help foster a rich natural ecosystem.
10. Flowers or shrubs that have been approved by the Commission are the responsibility of the lot owners.
11. During the winter months, vases must be removed to prevent damage and the possibility of personal injury. Christmas wreaths, sprays and artificial flowers may be placed in the cemetery after November 20th and removed by March 1st. Otherwise, flowers and other items should be removed within ten days of placement.
12. The Cemetery Commission shall not be liable for floral pieces, baskets, or containers beyond the acceptance of such floral pieces for cemetery services. There shall be no clay, glass, or metal receptacles, or other containers used long term for the holding of floral bouquets.
13. The Commission has the duty to remove or adjust any object or adornment placed in violation of the Rules, Regulations and Policies which may be objectionable, injurious to the lot or nearby lots, or to the harmonious appearance of the cemetery.
14. The Commission, without notice to the lot owner, reserves the right to remove any private shrub, tree or flowers that have become overgrown, unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased, or that impinge on other lots.
15. The Cemetery Commission will maintain, within the time constraints of the DPW, the planting of trees and shrubs to preserve and maintain the beauty of Lincoln's cemeteries and their unique landscape features.
16. Flags are placed at graves for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day and replaced by the DPW as needed.

XI. FLAT MARKERS and UPRIGHT MONUMENTS in the LINCOLN CEMETERY and JUNIPER WAY SECTION

Only flat markers are permitted in Juniper Way and certain sections of the Lincoln Cemetery. Two flat markers per lot are allowed on full lots in Juniper Way, and one flat marker on the smaller cremation lots. There is variability in this requirement in other

sections of the Cemetery. Veteran's markers are always allowed, irrespective of the number of flat markers permitted. Flat markers may be approved by the Cemetery Agent and presented at the upcoming Cemetery Commission meeting.

Only one upright monument is permitted per lot and only in designated areas. Upright monuments, including the base cannot exceed 42 inches in height, and the base plus the length of the monument cannot exceed 54 inches in width. Upright monuments are customarily approved at a Commission meeting.

XII. FEES

The prices for interments, disinterments and all other applicable charges shall be determined from time to time by the Cemetery Commission, and all payments must be made in advance and before any interment shall be permitted. A schedule of the current rates and service fees are included on page 15.

XIII. ADHERENCE TO RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

The Cemetery Commission shall enforce all Rules, Regulations and Policies, and through its Cemetery Agent and DPW, shall have charge of the grounds, including the conduct of funerals, traffic, lot owners and visitors and at all times shall have supervision and control of all persons in the cemetery.

1. Resident Requirement for Sale – Only Lincoln Residents, or former Lincoln residents upon request and with permission of the Commission, may purchase a cemetery lot. However, once the lot has been purchased, there is no requirement that the owner remain a resident of the Town. The Commission understands that a resident may need nursing home care or may have moved out of Town to be close to family. Those who purchase a lot(s) must be 65 years or older.

The owner of the lot has the right to determine who they wish buried in their lot.

2. Re-Conveyance of a Grave Lot – No used lot or grave sold by the Cemetery Commission shall be re-conveyed by an owner thereof or the heirs, executors or administrator of the owner to any person or entity. Only a person related by blood or marriage to the owner or to a member of the immediate family of the owner shall have rights to inter future loved ones in the plot. If a lot is unused and the family wishes to convey the lot back to the Town, the owner or the heirs, executors or the administrator of said owner shall be reimbursed by the amount of the original price paid for the lot.
3. Burial Permits – No interments shall be made in any lot or grave in the cemeteries until the Cemetery Commission, through its Agent, has been furnished with the permits required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or of the city or town from which the deceased may be brought, nor shall anyone be interred in a

grave or lot in which exclusive burial rights have been conveyed until the Cemetery Commission has been furnished with an order from such owner or his legal representative for said interment. No interment shall be made unless all charges against said lot or grave and all fees for such interment have been paid.

4. Authority to Open a Grave - Any person who produces a Deed for the exclusive burial rights in any lot or grave in a cemetery shall be considered to have the authority to order an opening of a grave at that site, and any person who orders an opening of a grave will be held responsible for any and all resulting expenses.
5. Authorized Employees – No grave shall be opened for interment, nor a body removed unless authorized by the Cemetery Commission. No body, once interred shall be disinterred except upon written request by lot owner or producer of the deed.
6. Vaults – Burial boxes or vaults satisfactory to the Cemetery Commission must be provided for all interments (See Section IX).
7. Grave Capacity – An individual grave in the Lincoln Cemeteries has capacity for one full burial and interment of five (5) cremains on top of the full burial. Double deep burials are no longer allowed.
8. Walking on Graves – Persons within Lincoln’s cemeteries shall use only the roads, walkways and paths, and no one is permitted to walk upon or across lots or lawns unless it be necessary to do so to gain access to one’s own lot. The Cemetery Commission expressly disclaims liability for any injuries sustained by anyone violating this rule.
9. Grave Defacing/Flower Picking – Persons visiting the cemetery or attending funerals are prohibited from defacing or injuring any memorials, fences, or other structures within the cemetery grounds or picking flowers, wild or cultivated, or breaking or injuring any tree, shrub or plant.
10. Control of Automobiles - Automobiles and vehicles must be kept under complete control at all times, and in the Lincoln Cemetery and are limited to the tar roads or the few available parking spots. Cars may not “pull over” on the lawns since graves are often placed adjacent to the roadways. When attending a funeral, cars must park behind one another, essentially blocking one another in until the end of the service. Automobiles must not be left with the engine running, and the horn must not be sounded within the Lincoln Cemetery. The following situations are also prohibited:
 - a. The driving of automobiles or other vehicles through the gates or in the cemetery after hours or at excessive speeds.
 - b. Driving any automobile or vehicle across or upon any grave, lot or lawn or parking or leaving the same thereon.
 - c. Parking or leaving any automobile or vehicle on any road or driveway within the cemetery, when not part of a funeral, in such a location or in such position

as to prevent any other automobile or vehicle from passing the same. If so parked or left, the Cemetery Commission reserves the right to have the vehicle removed at the owner's expense.

- d. Making a complete or partial reverse turn of any automobile or vehicle on any road or driveway within the cemetery, necessitating the driving or backing up upon the grass of the Cemetery.
11. Waste Receptacles – Throwing rubbish on the roads, paths, or any part of the grounds, or in the buildings, is prohibited. Receptacles for waste material are located at convenient places throughout the cemetery.
12. Articles Not to be Placed on Graves – The placing of upright or hanging flower boxes, toys, metal designs, balloons, vigil lights, rocks, shells, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases and similar articles, upon plots will not be permitted, and if so placed, the Cemetery Commission reserves the right to remove them.
13. Conduct Within the Cemetery – It is of the utmost importance that there should be strict observance of respect in the Lincoln's Cemeteries. Therefore, all persons within the cemetery should avoid conduct unbecoming to a sacred place, such as:
 - a. Loud or boisterous talking.
 - b. Idling or loafing on the grounds or in any of the buildings.
 - c. Peddling or soliciting the sale of any commodity.
 - d. Placing of signs or notices or advertisements of any kind.
 - e. Grave rubbings (they can damage historic grave markers).
 - f. Walking dogs off leash; not removing dog waste.
 - g. Bicycling
 - h. Bringing firearms into the cemetery except by a military escort accompanying a Veteran's funeral or attending memorial services.
14. Temporary Rules Changes – It is the duty of the Cemetery Commission to see that the Rules, Regulations and Policies are complied with, to see that order is maintained, and to protect and promote the best interests of Lincoln's Cemeteries. To that end, the Cemetery Commission is authorized to make temporary additional rules, which may be needed to meet situations which are not covered by these Rules, Regulations and Policies.
15. Rules Changes - The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to adopt additional Rules, Regulations and Policies or to amend, alter or repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph or sentence in these Rules, Regulations and Policies at any time.
16. Approval by Cemetery Commission – The rules, regulations and prices set forth shall be set and approved by the Cemetery Commission.
17. Review of Rules, Regulations and Policies – The Cemetery Commission and the Cemetery Agent shall review this document on a regular basis.

CEMETERY FEES and RESTRICTIONS

PURCHASING A LOT

- The cost of a lot is \$20 per square foot. In Juniper Way the maximum area that can be purchased is 80 square feet or two lots. In other areas the minimum size varies.
- Please contact the Cemetery Agent to visit the cemetery to view available lots. The Cemetery Commission will consider special requests to meet specific requirements.
- Lot sales are approved at regularly scheduled meetings of the Cemetery Commission, with exceptions given for special or imminent circumstances.
- Lot owners will receive a Deed, a map of the cemetery with location marked, a copy of the Lot Card, and a copy of the Landscaping Regulations.

RESTRICTIONS

- Only Lincoln residents who are 65 years of age or older may purchase a lot.
- One burial lot is allowed per family. Lots are available in various configurations.
- The Cemetery Commission or its Agent, must approve designs for monuments and a photo must be provided for the Agent's files after installation.
- Holiday flowers, wreaths, and baskets are allowed between November 20th and March 1st, after which time they must be removed. The disposal of artificial and natural flowers placed at other times of the year are the responsibility of the owner.
- Plantings around monuments should be a cohesive unit, see Section XI for details. Trees and shrubs may not be planted without Cemetery Commission approval.
- 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).

FEES

- Lot \$20 per sq. ft.
- Standard Interment \$750 weekday
\$1,000 Saturday
- Cremations & Infants \$300 weekday
\$500 Saturday
- Interments 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Interments scheduled at 1:00 pm or later will incur an overtime charge of \$300. Sunday interments may be available by request.
- Disinterment \$1,500 (plus any additional costs necessary)
- Re-interment \$1,500 (plus any additional costs necessary)

- Unforeseen costs will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

LIST OF HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
President's Day
Patriot's Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day (July 4th)
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The questions below are those we commonly receive, but please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's Office if you have additional questions or need specific guidance. Our contact information is on the next page.

- **Who can buy a cemetery lot?** *A person who is a resident of Lincoln and who is 65 years of age or older.*
- **How do I arrange for purchasing a cemetery lot?** *You may call the Town Clerk's Office 781-259-2067 or email the Office at townclerk@lincolntown.org.com and we will arrange a time to show you lots.*
- **What is the cost of a lot?** *Lots currently sell for \$20 per square foot.*
- **Who manages the lot after my death?** *Owners are named on the lot card and each owner has rights to manage the lot. If no one else is listed on the lot card, family members assign a family member or executor to manage your lot and determine who will be buried in it.*
- **Who can be buried in my lot?** *The owner of the lot decides who may be buried in a lot.*
- **How do I arrange for an interment?** *Generally, your funeral home will contact our Office to arrange the interment. Please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office with any questions.*
- **Can I or my loved one have a natural burial?** *The Cemetery Commission is currently working on how to provide natural burials for Lincoln residents. This service is not offered at this time, however.*
- **How do I arrange for a monument?** *Call the Town Clerk's Office and someone can assist you with a list of monument companies. We can also help you with the specifications for monuments in the area in which your lot is located.*
- **What are the approved dimensions for monuments?** *Only one upright monument can be placed on a lot where upright monuments are located. An upright monument, including the base cannot exceed 42 inches in height, The base plus the length of the monument cannot exceed 54 inches. (In sections of the Cemetery where only flat markers are allowed, there is some variability. Please call our Office for specific information regarding flat markers.)*

- **Where are upright monuments allowed?** *Upright monuments are only allowed in the “older” section of the Cemetery.*
- **Can I plant shrubs/trees/flowers on my lot?** *If you have an upright or flat marker in an approved sections of the Cemetery, you may plant flowers two feet in front and two feet on the sides of the marker. If you wish to plant a shrub, it must first be approved by the Cemetery Commission. Flower and shrub plantings are not allowed in Juniper Way. (See Chart below)*

AREAS OF THE CEMETERY	PLANTED FLOWERS	SHRUBS	POTTED PLANTS
Juniper Way	NO	NO	YES
Flat Marker Areas in Cemetery	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only perennials that can be cut to the ground may be planted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mowers are not responsible for possible damage to flowers. • Plantings may be placed in an area no larger than 1x2 feet. 	NO	YES
Upright Monument Areas	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only perennials that can be cut to the ground may be planted. • Mowers are not responsible for possible damage to flowers. • Plantings may be placed in an area no larger than 1x2 feet. • Flowers may only be placed on the front or side of headstones - subject to space available. 	<p>NO</p> <p>*Shrubs are not permitted at any time except with permission of the Cemetery Commission</p>	YES

- **What are the rules regarding maintenance of my lot?** *You are responsible for the maintenance of your lot and its flowers and shrubs (if approved by the Commission). You are also responsible for removing temporary arrangements, vases or other objects. Our DPW does not maintain lots. Please be aware that our mowing contractor must be able to mow your lot to maintain the beauty and appearance of your lot and of the Cemetery.*

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