

**PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY  
SOUTH HILL & SMITHVILLE CEMETERY**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to authority granted in Title 18, Section 5378, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Ludlow Board of Cemetery Commissioners, at a duly notified and held meeting on **September 16, 2020**, unanimously voted to adopt the following rules and regulations pertaining to the operation, care and maintenance of the Ludlow Cemetery as follows:

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**1. LOTS**

- a. No one but the **Outside Manager** or their designee shall be allowed to grade lots or build foundations.
- b. The **Sexton** shall have charge of the sale of all lots.
- c. All persons purchasing lots must fund same at time of purchase adequate for perpetual care. Exceptions are made in section of the Cemetery designated by the Commissioners.
- d. Corner Stones are required consisting of a set of four (4) at initial purchase.
- e. There will be only one (1) burial and one (1) cremation on top of the full burial, or two (2) cremations per grave site.
- f. Please contact the Town of Ludlow for a current list of Cemetery fees at (802) 228-2841. Rates are subject to change. All lots and memorials are sold subject to the Rules & Regulations of the Cemetery Commission.
- g. The care of the endowed lots will start after the lots and monuments have been put in a condition satisfactory to the Cemetery Commissioners.
- h. No one but the **Sexton or designee** shall be allowed to care for the lots for pay.
- i. In the event that owners of Cemetery lots wish to sell all or part of their lots outside of the family, first preference to purchase said lots shall be given to the Cemetery Commissioners at the original price.
- j. The Cemetery Commissioners reserve, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by them or their agents, either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in the description, transfer, or conveyance of any interment property, either by cancelling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Commissioners, or in sole discretion of the Commissioners, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Commissioners reserve, and shall have the right to remove or transfer such remains so interred to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.
- k. There shall be no further sale of plots north of those currently existing in Section G. The area north of the existing plots in Section G shall be preserved and maintained as

open space to facilitate access to the steep bank along the edge of the Ludlow Cemetery property.

## 2. BURIALS

- a. All burials shall be under the supervision of the **Sexton or designee**.
- b. The Cemetery will be closed when impossible to travel due to snow, ice or other hazardous conditions.
- c. No lots shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.
- d. Where immediate burial is required by laws of the State of Vermont or under the rules and regulations of the Board of Health, interments may be made on Sundays and holidays, but an additional fee will be added to the regular interment charge and entrance into the Cemetery will be allowed only to the hearse and vehicles in the funeral procession.
- e. Funeral directors, upon arrival at the Cemetery, must present the necessary burial permit from the local Health Officer.
- f. The **Sexton or designee** and the employees of the Cemetery are the only persons authorized to open graves unless otherwise approved by the Commissioners.
- g. The right is reserved by the Commissioners to insist upon at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice prior to any interment and at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice prior to any disinterment or removal or as approved by the **Outside Manager**.
- h. Wooden boxes for burials are prohibited in the entire Cemetery.
- i. Cemetery vaults must be provided.
- j. **No service or work is to be done in the cemetery without prior authorization from the cemetery commission and scheduled supervision from cemetery staff. Work to be done according to cemetery specifications.**

## 3. MONUMENTS & HEADSTONES

- a. All monuments must be placed in the center of the lot and face East or West.
- b. Corner Stones must be set flush with the ground.
- c. All lots must be endowed before monuments are erected.
- d. All monuments and headstones are required to have foundations prior to erecting them and foundations should be 2" larger than all monuments and headstones and installed (prior to erecting them). Grass markers are not required to have foundations.
- e. Cement curbing or any kind of borders around the lots are not permitted.
- f. Monument dealers must comply with these rulings and obey all traffic and foundation rulings given by the **Sexton or designee**.
- g. No foundation for monuments or headstones shall be built until after Memorial Day.
- h. Repair of foundations and headstones and straightening of stones shall not be done until after Memorial Day.
- i. Cleaning of monuments of any type shall be under the supervision of the **Sexton or Designee**. Certificate of Insurance must be provided.
- j. All Mausoleums' (or similar units) must be approved by the Cemetery Commission based on size, foundation and location within the cemetery. If approved, each

mausoleum must acquire and provide the **Sexton or Designee** a copy of the foundation's warranty and mausoleum manufacturer's warranty (if any).

- A Perpetual Care Cost will be assessed by the Cemetery Commission for the future maintenance of the unit and access keys to the unit may be provided.

#### **4. PLANTS & HERBAGE**

- a. No shrubbery, trees and flower plants shall be planted.
- b. Any and all work performed in the Ludlow Cemeteries shall be completed by the **Outside Manager** and their staff. Certificate of Insurance listing Ludlow Cemeteries shall be provided before any outside work can be approved. All outside vendors shall meet all state and local regulations.
- c. The Cemetery Commissioners shall have the authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, or herbage of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the Commissioners, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased or when they do not conform to the required standards.
- d. All above items shall be removed by October 15<sup>th</sup>. If they are not removed, the **Outside Manager** has the right to remove them.
- e. The Cemetery Commissioners shall not be responsible for frozen plants or herbage of any kind or for plantings damaged by the elements, thieves, vandals or by other causes beyond their control.
- f. The Cemetery Commissioners reserve the right to prevent the removal of any flowers, floral designs, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind unless the Commissioners give consent.

#### **5. TRAFFIC**

All traffic shall be in the charge of the **Sexton or designee**.

#### **6. GENERAL**

- a. The Cemetery will be closed to all vehicles at dusk.
- b. **All pets shall be under the control of the person that the pet is with and that person shall be responsible for the removal of all pet waste.** Children are not allowed in the Cemetery unless accompanied by their parents or an adult.
- c. The Cemetery shall not be used for a picnic area or any use other than its intended use as a Cemetery unless approved by the Cemetery Commissioners.
- d. The Cemetery Commissioners as individuals and through the **Sexton or designee** or their designee are hereby empowered to enforce all Rules & Regulations and to exclude from the Cemetery any person violating the same. The Commissioners and outside manager shall have charge of the grounds and buildings, including the conduct of funerals, traffic, employees, plot owners and visitors and at all times shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Cemetery.
- e. The **Sexton or designee** are hereby designated by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners as its duly authorized agent to act for and on behalf of said board of

Cemetery Commissioners to carry out the provisions of the foregoing Rules & Regulations.

- f. **Hunting and shooting, except for military honors in connection with a veteran's burial, are not allowed in the cemetery.**
- g. **A 50% discount on all cemetery services shall be extended to all honorably discharged veterans.**
- h. **No green burials are allowed in the public cemeteries of the Town of Ludlow.**

The Ludlow Cemetery Rules & Regulations herein adopted and recorded are subject to change without notice.

Dated at Ludlow, Vermont on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

**TOWN OF LUDLOW  
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

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