

Rules of The Pine Grove and McCoy Cemeteries

1. Gates will be closed and locked anytime the cemetery trustees/steward deem it necessary for the good of the cemeteries. Keys will be made available to the trustees and the public works department. No activities shall take place in the cemeteries after November 30th, or after the first snow of the season, whichever comes first. No activities shall take place when icy, muddy conditions exist or anytime dangerous conditions are present. A five (5 mph) miles per hour speed limit shall be strictly enforced.
2. All cemeteries close at dusk. Any person found in a town cemetery, after dark, without prior permission from the cemetery trustees/steward will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
3. Children, under the age of sixteen (16), must be accompanied by a responsible adult, while in the town cemeteries. The trustees, steward, nor the Town of Gilford, will be held liable for any damages caused by the children, including but not limited to: memorials, plants, flags, holders, new grass, or other object within cemetery boundaries. Cemeteries are NOT a place for children to play.
4. The sales of lots are restricted to residents and property owners of the Town of Gilford. Arrangements for the purchase of a lot(s) or grave(s) must be made through the cemetery trustees or steward. Lots shall be sold at the price(s) fixed and approved by the cemetery trustees/steward. All lots will be sold with perpetual care and said amount is included in the set price of the lot. NO LOT can change ownership or transfer ownership unless it has been approved and recorded with the cemetery trustees. Grave (lots) maybe sold back to the Town of Gilford through its cemetery trustees, at the original price of purchase. However, NO trust fund or perpetual care agreement can be refunded.
5. All domestic animals (i.e. dogs, etc.) brought to any of the Gilford cemeteries must be under control of its owner or on a leash at all times. The trustees, steward, nor the Town of Gilford will not be held responsible for damage done by animals or persons visiting within the cemetery walls. Also, it is required that owners will be kind, and pick up any waste left behind by their animal(s). Burial of beloved pets with owner must be approved and recorded with the cemetery trustees. Cremations only.
6. Only one (1) raised monument is permitted on a lot, and shall not occupy more than one half the width of said lot. Monuments on all lots shall be placed on the east side of said lot(s) except in the case of full (24'X24') foot lots, in which instance the monument shall be placed in the center of said lots. No foundation will be constructed while the ground is solidly frozen. Foundations and/or markers shall not be installed if any money is due on the purchase of graves, lots, parts of lots, charges for opening or filling grave(s,) lot(s), charges relative to the opening or closing of a grave(s) or for any other charges due to the Town of Gilford.

7. Monuments or memorials shall not be set on any cemetery lot without a solid cement foundation of at least thirty six (36") inches in depth measured from ground level. Foundations must be approved by the cemetery trustees or steward PRIOR to installation. Grass level markers may be set without a foundation. Placement must conform to the rules as outlined in item #6 above. No work of any sort shall be allowed upon the grounds of any Gilford cemetery without first receiving approval of the cemetery trustees or steward.
8. The words "perpetual care" shall NOT be cut on any monument, memorial, or marker on any lot until such time as a trust fund has been established for such care, prior to the setting of any monument, memorial, stone or marker.
9. ALL workmen, whether stone cutters, setters, helpers, truck men, or drivers are subject to direction and control of the cemetery trustees and the cemetery steward. NO forklift or vehicle shall drive over an occupied or standard empty grave.
10. The regular care of lots consists of grass mowing, grass trimming, removal of dead flowers, fallen leaves, branches, or any other debris. Regular care does NOT provide for watering, fertilization, special care of grass or plants, nor the maintenance of monuments.
11. The grade of the lots shall be level with the surrounding ground, and grave mounds will not be allowed.
12. All proposed new graves shall be opened under the supervision of the trustees or steward. Charges shall be set by the trustees as indicated in item #4 above. Cement vaults or liners must be used.
13. Disinterment and removal of ANY remains shall NOT be allowed until a written order has been filed with the cemetery trustees, giving notarized permission by the next of kin of the person whose remains are to be removed, and only after consent of the lot owner(s) AND the appropriate State permit. State law also requires that a written permit from the State Board of Health be given prior to any removal.
14. All flowers, urns, baskets, containers, wreaths, and/or plants must be kept near the monument at all times. All decorations must be placed out of the way for mowing machinery. All items that interfere with proper maintenance of any lot will be removed. At no time will wires be allowed to hold flower containers. No glass containers are allowed, with the exception of eternal memorial candles which are on the proper staked holders.
15. Large plants, shrubs, bushes or trees shall first be discussed with the trustees or steward before being planted. When shrubs, bushes or trees become too large or interfere with the normal operations of

maintenance of the cemetery grounds, the lot owner(s) shall be notified and given five (5) days to remove them. If not removed, Trustees/Steward reserve the right to have said obstruction(s) removed. Any person requesting to make changes to a lot must first show ownership of said lot OR notarized written permission by the owner(s) to make said changes.

16. Fences, curbing, or stone enclosures around a lot must be approved by trustees/steward. Corner markers must be kept flush with the ground and must have permit fees paid. The use of bricks, sand, cement, gravel, wires, crushed rock, wood chips, or other materials on or above a grave MUST have approval of the trustees/steward.
17. The cemetery trustees, cemetery steward, nor the Town of Gilford will be held responsible for the loss or damage to any flowers, plants, or shrubs caused by weather conditions, frost, vandals, or any other condition beyond their control. The trustees have the right to enter upon any lot to remove grass, leaves, branches, or any offensive or improper objects, or any items that interfere with general and routine maintenance. New Hampshire State Law prohibits any person from writing upon, defacing, or injuring any monument, marker, stone or structure in, or belonging to the cemetery. The law also prohibits the plucking of flowers, injuring or breaking any trees, shrubs, or plants, or entering upon any individual lot without permission.
18. No "rubblings" to markers, stones, structures, or monuments without written permission from the Cemetery Trustees or Cemetery Steward. Rubbings can create damage. In the event permission is granted, a cemetery trustee/steward shall be notified and present during the rubbing(s) and the requesting party shall adhere to all policies in order to protect markers, stones, structures, or monuments. Written, notarized permission from lot owner(s) must also be obtained and given to trustees/sexton prior to any rubbing(s).
19. The cemetery trustees/steward reserve the right to change the rules or charges whenever deemed necessary. The trustees and steward will enforce the above rules. Any exceptions must be authorized by the trustees/steward.
20. The cremation burial area (marked lane between benches) allows for one (1) full burial or four single cremations.
21. All visitors to any Gilford cemetery will adhere to the International Association of Cemetery Preservationists, Inc. rules of cemetery etiquette:
 - A. Take only photos, leave only footprints.
 - B. Do not touch memorials or artifacts. They are privately owned sculptures.

- C. Do not bring alcohol, weapons, or entertainment items into cemeteries.
- D. Show respect for the dead.
- E. Supervise your children & teach them to respect the dead.
- F. Keep pets under control & clean up after them.
- G. Do not litter, including cigarette butts.
- H. Do not interfere with plants or wildlife that inhabit the cemetery.
- I. Keep your vehicle on designated roadways and parking areas.
- J. Do not leave vehicles idling. This can cause damage to the historic structures & sculptures.
- K. Please stay on designated walkways or footpaths.
- L. Obey posted times of operation or refer to local rules on this matter.
- M. Promptly report suspicious activities or vandalism to local authorities.

These rules are effective: _____ 2011.

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