

CEMETERY RULES

These Rules shall be in place until altered at a Town Meeting:

1. The Select Board of the Town of Readfield shall name a Cemetery Committee for the Town Cemeteries. The Cemetery Committee shall act as a liaison between the Town Manager, Town Clerk, the Cemetery Sexton, the Select Board and the Readfield Community to facilitate communication. The Cemetery Committee shall monitor the application of cemetery rules and act as an advisory board for all cemetery issues. The Town Manager is responsible for overseeing the work, including expenditures of the Sexton. The Select Board has the power to appoint and to remove the Sexton.
2. Burial plots/graves will be sold through the Town Office, and a *Certificate of Burial Rights* will be issued for each Lot or group of Lots sold.
3. All Plots will be sold as double lots (one unit) except all single plot sales will be reserved for a specific location in the Cemetery as approved by the Sexton.
4. The sale of a maximum number of grave plots is limited to sixteen (16) [eight (8) units] unless otherwise approved by the Sexton and the Cemetery Committee.
5. No grave plots may be sold by an owner, split or transferred without first notifying the Town Clerk or the Sexton of the new owner's name, address and telephone and evidence of sale or transfer.
6. No burial shall be made without the knowledge of the Sexton.
7. All burials shall be in accordance with Maine State law.
8. The placement of all monuments or grave markers will be set under the direction of the Sexton.
9. The length of the Family Monument shall not exceed 60% of the lot. All monument foundations shall be set flush with the ground.
10. The grading of new lots in Town Cemeteries shall be of the kind known as "Level Surface" and all lots shall be accordingly graded before they are offered for sale and no lot owner shall be allowed to alter said grade, nor erect corner markers or retaining walls that will come above the surface fixed by said grading.
11. It is expected that all burials will be provided with a minimum of a liner, which means four concrete slabs with no ends.
12. Artificial flowers, plants and other plastic arrangements and fixtures shall be removed seasonally.
13. Pre-arranged trust funds for Memorial Day floral displays may be established with the Town Office.
14. NO trees, large shrubs, or other large or fast growing plantings that might hinder mowing and trimming are to be planted without permission of the Sexton. Landscaping shall be the responsibility of the Town or its agents.
15. No cremains will be placed without notifying the Town Clerk and Cemetery Sexton beforehand.

16. All controversies between lot owner(s) and the Sexton will first be offered for resolution to the Cemetery Committee in consultation with the Lot owner(s), Sexton and Town Manager. The Cemetery Committee shall make recommendations to the Select Board on matters of appropriate importance.
17. All monies received from the sale of burial plots shall go into a fund to be used for additional land and/or capital improvements of all Town owned cemeteries. The amount of funds on hand shall be public knowledge included in the Town's annual report.
18. Opening or closing of a Town cemetery will be by Town Meeting unless all lots in said cemetery are sold.
19. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE CEMETERIES
20. All cemetery access roads will be closed to vehicle traffic from December 1 through May 1, or at the discretion of the Sexton. Special arrangements for access can be made through the Sexton.
21. The graves of veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be decorated with flags and appropriate flag holders from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. Any flags damaged during this period shall be replaced under the direction of the Sexton.

101 Amended at the June 13, 2013

Annual Town Meeting

Cemetery Lot Prices

September 16, 1996

Regular lots: Sold as 2 PLOT (grave) UNITS (10' x 8' approximately)

[Some cemeteries will differ—ex: 10' x 7' or 10' x 9']

Cremation Plots: Approximately 4' x 4' (some cemeteries will differ)

Basically ¼ of a unit (2 grave plot)

		Perpetual	
	Lot	Care	Total
¼ unit (Cremation plot)	\$25	\$ 75	\$ 100
1 Unit: 2 plots or 4 Cremains	100	300	400
2 Units: 4 plots or 8 Cremains	200	600	800
3 Units: 6 plots or 12 Cremains	400	800	1200
4 Units: 8 plots or 16 Cremains	600	1000	1600
5 Units: 10 plots or 20 Cremains	800	1200	2000

* Cost opening a grave: Approximately \$200 and \$50 for cremains.