

## INTERMENTS AND BURIAL RIGHTS

1. Burial rights in lots and graves assigned to residents of Pembroke are not transferable. The first interments therein must be a resident of Pembroke. If a resident purchases the right of burial and later becomes a non-resident he shall have the burial rights in said lot or grave.
2. Non-residents may be assigned Burial Rights at the Non-resident price.
3. All Burial Rights are payable when purchased, before assignment or an interment is made in a lot or grave. All lots must be paid for, in full, 48 hours prior to the Funeral service at the cemetery. The DPW will not hold lots that have not been paid for.
- 3A. No more than four (4) graves (two (2) cemetery lots) can be purchased per family name, per deed in any town cemetery.
4. Whenever a lot shall become vacant by the removal of bodies there from, the land shall revert to the DPW/Cemetery Division. The lots are not transferable without the consent, in writing, from the commissioners of the DPW
- 4a. No lot shall be sold without perpetual care. Perpetual Care provides for the care up to the amount of income available.
- 4b. Burials in one grave are as follows. The number of burials allowed in one grave lot would be two cremations and one full-size burial or three cremations. Only one flush marker shall be allowed on a single grave lot.

## DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION

5. Chapter 114, Section 29 – If a lot owner dies interstate, the lot descends to the heirs-at-law, but subject to provisions of Chapter 190, Section 3.

6. Only one central family Memorial or Monument shall on a family lot, and all markers including the lot corner markers shall be flush markers. Only flush markers will be allowed on single grave lots. All temporary memorials will be removed 30 days after the interment.
7. All markers and monuments shall have foundations. All foundations will be installed by DPW employees only. No monument or marker will be delivered or installed without informing the cemetery of DPW offices. All lettering work will be scheduled with the DPW/Cemetery for Monday through Friday only. The size of the upright monument bases is limited to 3 feet x 1 foot or 2 feet x 1 foot due to the possibility of moving the monument for maintenance purposes or internment purposes. The scope and quality of the lettering work is the responsibility of the owner and/or the monument company hired to do the work.
- 7A. The height of any stone monument shall not exceed 3 feet. This height includes the base and the top of the stone combined. No wooden or homemade markers of any kind will be allowed on the lot and will be removed. A copy of the deed to the cemetery lot must accompany any foundation order that is sent to the DPW/Cemetery offices.
8. Burials shall have reinforced concrete vaults. No grave boxes will be allowed.
9. No shrubs are allowed in the single grave section. Shrubs will be allowed only on 2 grave lots or larger. As of May 1, 2014, there will be no charge for bushes or shrubs planted on the lots. The only types of shrubs allowed are Boxwood (Buxus) or Dwarf Alberta Spruce (Picea glauca). Only 2 of these varieties of shrubs are allowed on a cemetery lot. All shrubs are to be planted on the left side and the right side of the monument and as close to the sides of the monument as possible. Any shrub/bush that is planted that is not Boxwood or Dwarf Alberta Spruce

will be removed from the lot. The DPW reserves the right to trim, cut or remove shrubs and trees for maintenance or interments as needed. The DPW will not replant any oversized shrubs.

10. All flower plantings will be in front of monuments within 12” of the stone. No plantings are allowed behind the monument. The planting area will be marked out by the DPW employees and anything planted outside of this area will be removed. Also permitted in this area will be metal, wooden and cement or stone metal flower holders. Baskets and potted plants are also allowed. No plastic flower or plant holders of any kind are allowed in this area.
11. No burials on Sundays or holidays except in cases of public emergencies.
12. No upright emblems allowed except for flag-holders on Veterans or Public Servants graves.
13. No lot or grave shall have places, or cause to be erected or placed on any lot or grave in the cemetery, any memorial, monument or marker without the approval of the Trustees or Commissioners.
14. The receiving vault is for temporary use only and under no circumstances shall a body or cremation be considered as interred or buried by reason of being placed therein.
15. All work in the cemeteries is to be done only by the DPW or under their direction, with the exception of lettering on the monuments or markers (See # 7). All landscape work will be done by the DPW employees or by a landscaper authorized by the DPW. Any tree donated to the cemetery to be planted in the common areas of that cemetery, will be authorized by the DPW foreman or commissioners. These trees must be at least 3 inches in diameter.

Town of Pembroke  
Department of Public Works  
Rules, Regulations and  
Price Schedule

For  
Town Cemeteries



Pine Grove Cemetery  
Center Cemetery  
Mount Pleasant Cemetery

*TRUSTEES*

Carol A. Ferguson  
RoseMaire Amabile Egerton  
Stephen Dodge

*COMMISSIONERS*

Ben Bastianelli  
Paul Whitman  
Tom Irving

16. Items that are excluded from the grave lots and will be removed are as follows:  
Hangers for hanging pots or plants, flowers or wind chimes, wooden, concrete, metal, plaster of paris statues or urns, wire of any kind, any glass items including statues, figurines and snow globes. Also plastic flowers, silk flowers or lawn ornaments are not permitted. Non-Veteran and non-public servant emblem flag holders, articles of clothing of any kind including hats and shirts or any types of beverage container, sports equipment is not allowed. The DPW is not responsible of lost, stolen or damaged items on or around the lot or the monument
- 16A Items that are not allowed in the single grave/ flat marker sections of the cemetery are as follows: In ground planted flowers, trees or shrubs; stone edging of any kind; plastic edging, statues of any material, plastic planters or flower pots, plant/flower hangers; non-veteran or non-public servant flag holders; plastic or silk flowers; glass items of any kind; plastic items of any kind. (Refer to Rule # 16)
17. No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging grave mounds, borders or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed on or around any monument, lot or grave. Only two (2) Eternal light (candles) or two (2) solar powered lights (or any combination of both are allowed per lot.)
18. Acting in the best interest of the DPW, Cemetery Division, the DPW and the Commissioners have the authority to remove any object or objects placed on a grave or on the cemetery grounds which in the opinion of the commissioners is deemed offensive, improper, unsafe and detrimental to the general appearance of the cemetery and will be removed without notice.
19. The DPW or its employees shall not be held responsible for any order given by telephone, or for a mistake occurring from lack of precise and proper

instructions as to the particular space, size and location in a lot where interment is desired.

20. DPW Cemetery Division reserves and shall have the rights to correct any errors that may be made by it, in making interments or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interments rights or property, wither by canceling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof interment property or burial rights of equal value and similar location as far as possible or as may be selected by the DPW Commissioners. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such burial rights or property, the Cemetery reserves, and shall have the rights to remove and/or transfer such remains so interred to such other property or burial rights of equal value similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof. The DPW, Cemetery Division, will not be responsible for any errors made by any improper inscription on any memorial.
- 20A. It shall be the duty if the lot owner to notify the DPW, Cemetery Division of any changes in their Post Office address. Notice sent to a lot owner at the last address on file in the DPW office shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification for all purposes.

Any person disturbing the peace, driving over 10 miles per hour or any improper conduct will be reported to the police.

These rules and regulations are made by the Department of Public Works 100 Center Street, Pembroke, MA 02359 (781) 293-5620.