

CHAPTER 9

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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- S9-1. **Membership**

The Selectmen of the town shall act as the Cemetery Committee.

S9-2. **Powers and duties.**

The Selectmen shall be responsible for the care and management of the grounds, buildings, structures, ornamentation, fences and edifices which constitute the town cemetery. They shall see that this chapter and any rules and regulations which are and may be established from time to time are observed and kept.

S9-3. **Reports**

The Selectmen shall, on or before January 1 of each year, render a report in writing to the town on the management of the cemetery, with any recommendations. This report shall be published in the annual town report.

S9-4. **Burial Agent.**

The Selectmen shall, annually in May, appoint a Burial Agent of the public cemetery whose term of office shall begin June 1 of the year. The Selectmen shall, upon due hearing, have the right to remove the Burial Agent.

S9-5. Division of grounds.

Such portions of the grounds of the public cemetery shall, as the need arises from time to time, be divided into grave lots or tomb lots or other suitable subdivisions, with proper avenues and paths, and all such divisions shall be numbered in their order.

S9-6. Sale of lots; conditions.

A. The Selectmen shall sell to every permanent resident of the Town of Hull making a request therefor rights of burial in graves, lots or tombs, in time of need, in so far as the same may be available for sale.

B. No rights of burial shall be sold to any person unless the Selectmen are satisfied that such person intends to remain a permanent resident of the town.

S9-7. Assignability of burial rights.

Such rights of burial granted by the Selectmen shall not be assignable by any holder thereof, but may be released to the town.

S9-8. Consent required.

No burial, disinterment or removal of a body, ashes or remains shall be made except with the consent of the Selectmen and under the supervision of the Burial Agent. The Selectmen may, upon the sale of lots as herein provided, by deed made and executed in the form and manner prescribed, convey to the purchaser the sole and exclusive right of burial in any lot in said cemetery and of erecting monuments, tombstones and other structures thereon not inconsistent with this chapter or with any rules or regulations as made by said Selectmen.

S9-9. Prices of lots and graves.

The Selectmen shall fix the prices of all lots and graves.

S9-10. Records.

The Selectmen shall cause a careful record to be kept of every interment with the name and age of the person interred, the date thereof, the lot number and the owner of burial rights therein. A duplicate record shall be retained in the Town Treasurer's office for public inspection.

S9-11. Restricted activities; violations and penalties.

A. No person shall walk upon any of the lots and borders

within the cemetery, except in conformity with rules established by the Selectmen, and no person shall gather any flowers or break any shrub or plant or write upon or otherwise damage any monument, fence or other structure in or belonging to the cemetery or discharge any firearms therein, except in the case of military funerals.

B. Any person violating any provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.) for each offense.

S9-12. Funeral processions.

Each funeral procession shall be led to the cemetery by the most convenient avenues and shall in no case trespass on other graves, lots or land without the consent of the Selectmen.

S9-13. Alteration of features.

A. No owner of burial rights in graves or lots shall in any case alter the natural grades of the avenues and paths adjoining his grave or lot without the consent of said Selectmen and, in case any trespass of this or a similar kind is committed, the Selectmen shall cause the same to be removed or restored at the expense of the trespasser.

B. No trees, plantings, fences, curbs or other structures shall be erected or allowed to stand upon any grave or lot without the consent of the Selectmen.

S9-14. Additional rules and regulations.

The Selectmen shall have the power to make from time to time such rules and regulations for the management of public cemeteries as it may deem best, but no rules or regulations shall be made which shall conflict with this chapter.