

By-Laws for The Town of Wilmington, Vermont Cemeteries

Section 1 – Authority and Applicability

These by-laws are adopted pursuant to the laws of the State of Vermont and shall govern the sale, use, maintenance, and administration of lots in Wilmington Cemeteries.

Section 2 – Compliance with State Law

The sale, use, and management of all lots shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations of the State of Vermont.

Section 3 – Lot Maintenance

Owners of cemetery lots shall maintain them in a manner free from trees, shrubs, vines, or other growth that would interfere with mowing or general upkeep. The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to remove any such growth when necessary to preserve the appearance and safety of the cemetery.

Section 4 – Pricing

The prices of lots and single graves shall be established and may be amended from time to time by majority vote of the Cemetery Commission.

Section 5 – Terms of Sale

1. A lot may be conveyed to a purchaser upon payment of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total purchase price, which shall grant immediate right of interment in one grave.
2. The remaining balance must be paid in full within six (6) months of the date of purchase.
3. If the balance is not paid within the specified time, the lot, or any unused portion thereof, shall automatically revert to the Town of Wilmington to be disposed of as the Cemetery Commission directs.

Section 6 – Meetings of the Cemetery Commission

1. **Annual Meeting:** The Cemetery Commission shall hold its Annual Meeting in the month of March to elect the following officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, Sextons, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the proper operation of the cemetery.
2. **Notice:** The Clerk shall provide notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting to all members of the Commission.
3. **Special Meetings:** The Clerk may call a Special Meeting at any time according to the laws of Wilmington and the State of Vermont.
4. **Terms of Office:** All officers shall serve a term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected.

Section 7 – Duties of Sextons

The Sextons shall:

1. Have general care, custody, and supervision of all cemeteries under the Commission's jurisdiction.
2. Conduct the sale of lots and remit all receipts to the Town Treasurer.
3. Submit orders for payment of authorized expenses to the Town Treasurer.

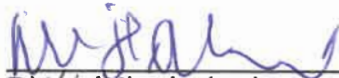
Section 8 – Amendments

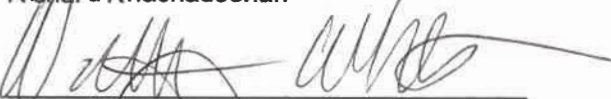
These by-laws may be amended, repealed, or supplemented by a vote of not less than three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Cemetery Commission at any duly called meeting.

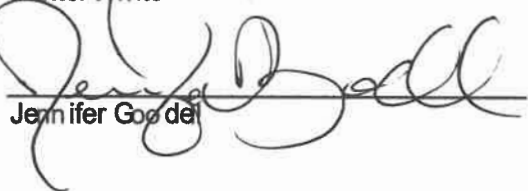
Section 9 – Effective Date

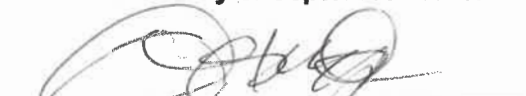
These by-laws shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Cemetery Commission and shall remain in force until amended or repealed in accordance with Section 8.

Adopted by the Town of Wilmington Cemetery Commission this 11th day of September 2025.


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Walter White


Jennifer Gould


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Town of Wilmington, Vermont Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Welcome

We ask all visitors to help keep our cemeteries respectful, safe, and well maintained.

Burials & Lots

1. Burials are permitted April 15 to November 15, weather permitting.
2. Only cemetery agents may dig graves.
3. Each grave may have:
 - o One full burial, **or**
 - o Two cremations, **or**
 - o One full burial plus one cremation.
4. Grave liners of concrete, steel or other suitable material must be used to enclose coffins/caskets.
5. Lots may be transferred by will to a relative, or to the Town of Wilmington in trust, per V.S.A.T.18 §5531(a).
6. Lots are for human burial only.

Monuments & Markers

7. Upright monuments and headstones are allowed only in designated monument rows.
8. No homemade markers or markers made of wood are permitted.
9. Monuments/markers may only be removed by the Cemetery Commission, unless the lot owner provides written authorization at the Town Clerk's Office.

Planting & Landscaping

10. **Planting of trees or shrubs is prohibited.** Only the Cemetery Commission may plant or remove them.
11. Existing trees or shrubs may be removed if they interfere with maintenance, cause damage to lots, are deemed detrimental, or fail to conform to the overall aesthetics of the cemetery.
12. All natural flowers and plants must be in movable containers. Permanently planted items may be removed by the Cemetery Commission.

Flowers, Decorations & Containers

13. Flowers must be in movable pots or planters. Planters not filled by **July 5** will be removed.
14. Natural and artificial flowers are allowed until they become unsightly.
15. Artificial flowers must be in durable containers—**not** inserted directly into the ground. Items placed in the ground will be removed to prevent scattering debris.
16. Natural Holiday wreaths are permitted in winter and will be removed after the holiday season. No Christmas trees or artificial wreaths.
17. Shepherd hooks are allowed year-round.
18. Decorations must be removed by **October 31**. Prohibited items include:
 - o Glass and other breakable items
 - o Bottles, crockery, cans

- Fences, metal edging, stones
 - Solar lights
 - Plastic items, statuary, and other unapproved decorations
19. Flags will be placed on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.
20. The Cemetery Commission may remove any decoration that is unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or non-compliant.

Maintenance & Liability

21. The Cemetery Commission provides mowing, trimming, and grave leveling as needed.
22. The Cemetery Commission is not responsible for loss or damage to memorials, decorations, flowers, benches, or plantings due to weather, vandalism, theft, or other causes beyond its control.

Visitor Conduct

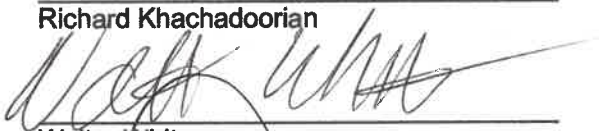
23. Picking flowers, damaging plants, defacing memorials, or harming cemetery property is prohibited.

Thank you for helping us preserve the dignity of our cemeteries.

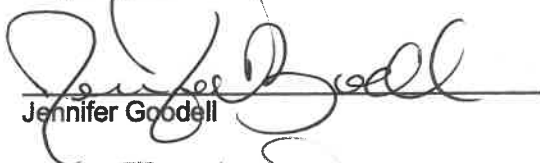
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