

# Rules and Regulations for Cemetery

## General Information

**Non-Sectarian:** Island Falls is a non-sectarian cemetery with lots and graves being sold without discrimination with respect to race, creed or color.

**Non-Profit:** The committee is conducted not for profit, but solely for the interests of the lot owners as a whole. Any income from whatever source is expended upon the maintenance or improvement of the cemetery, or is added to funds created for this purpose.

## Rules and Regulations

**Recreational Use of Cemetery:** No recreational activities are allowed in the cemetery without the permission of the Town Office.

**Firearms:** No firearms will be allowed in the cemetery without permission of the Town Office. Military funerals are the exception.

**Dogs:** No dogs are allowed at anytime, only seeing eye dogs.

**Traffic:** Speed limit is 5 miles per hour. All vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver, and be properly insured and registered in accordance with State of Maine Motor Vehicle Laws.

**Recreation Vehicles:** Snowmobiles, ATV's and all other off road vehicles are prohibited by State Law.

**Visitors:** Visitors must not park on the grass, pick flowers or injure trees or shrubs and in all cases must observe the proprieties of the Cemetery.

**Conduct:** Improper conduct or violation of the rules by anyone will result in a request to leave the Cemetery.

**Restrictions:** The Executive Committee shall have authority to classify lots or sections of the Cemetery and to put special restrictions thereon as to the permissibility, number, kind, size and location of memorials, plantings, decorations and structures or other objects.

**Purchase:** Anyone desiring to purchase a burial plot should apply to the Town Office.

**Reservations of Lots or Single Graves:** Lots or single graves will not be held longer than 30 days without arrangements being made to pay for the same.

**Lot Care:** Arrangements for annual care or perpetual care may be made at the Town Office for those lots not presently under perpetual care.

**Structures:** No structures of any kind other than grave markers or lot monuments may be placed on lots and single graves.

**Ornaments, Etc.:** The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, fences, edging materials, shepherd's hooks, trellises or other similar articles upon plots will not be permitted.

**Interments per Grave:** No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one grave except in the case of mother and infant child or two infants buried in one casket or an adult and a cremains burial provided only one marker is used with both inscriptions on same.

**Flowers, Plants, Shrubs and Wreaths:** Flowers, wreaths and other decorations left on lots will be removed by Cemetery staff on Veteran's Day after they fade or become unsightly.

No flowering bushes, shrubs or trees will be allowed on any lot, single grave in the Northern Division. Evergreen shrubs are allowed on certain lots, must be approved by the Cemetery management. Evergreen shrubs, where allowed, can only be planted by lot owners or other persons after a perpetual care deposit has been made for their care with Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove any plantings, etc. that become unsightly, are planted incorrectly, or are infringing on an adjoining lot or obstructing operations of the cemetery.

**Shrubs, Bushes, etc.:** No structures, bushes, flowering shrubs or evergreen shrubs of any kind may be placed on single graves.

**Installation and Foundations:** No foundations will be required under single markers up to and including twenty-four (24) inches long by twelve (12) wide. Instead a setting and maintenance fee will be paid, the cost of which may be obtained by contacting the Town Office. Any marker over the aforementioned size will require a suitable foundation. A marker of any size and over 1 foot in height requires a foundation.

**Permanent:** No burials will be allowed without a vault or grave liner approved by the Town and it is advised to have any cremains buried in a permanent container in case of future removal.

**Winter Burial of Cremains:** Cremains will not be buried during the winter months.

**Removals:** Removals will not be made without a signed order from the next of kin and the owner of the lot or grave or cemetery committee's knowledge. A licensed funeral director must be present. Removals will not be made on Saturday, Sunday or Holidays.

**Memorials:** All monuments set in the Island Falls Cemetery will have to have the die and base epoxied at time of setting. ie. Epoxy any joint between two surfaces.

**Installation & Removal of Structures:** No memorials, monuments, markers or headstones may be placed or removed from any lot without permission of the Town Office or the granite dealers will be held responsible for the removal of any memorials, etc. illegally placed by them on a lot or grave.

Any violation, of any rules and regulations, will result in a ban of that individual or company from doing any work in this cemetery in the future. Any memorials, monuments, markers or headstones that are being removed for the purpose of repairs must be approved by the Town Office before it can be removed from the cemetery. The firm or persons that are removing stones or doing repair work on stones must show proof of insurance or the cemetery takes no responsibility for injury or damage during removal or restoration of stones.

**Amendments:** The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to amend and modify or make additions to these rules and regulations at any time with selectmen's approval.