

Town of Camden Oak Hill South & North Cemetery  
By-Laws

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Revised (1/15/14 meeting)

ARTICLE 1. Residents and non-residents will be allowed to purchase lots in this cemetery. All fees to be established by the Cemetery Board. Fees to be reviewed annually.

ARTICLE 2. The owners of lots or graves in Oak Hill Cemetery or their heirs, shall not grant, sell or convey to any person or persons their interest in said lots or graves. Upon approval of the Cemetery Board interests in said lots may be sold back to the Cemetery Board for the original selling price.

ARTICLE 3. No interment shall be made until the Cemetery Sexton has been furnished a permit such as may be required by the laws of the State of Maine, together with an order from the owner of record of the lot or grave in which interment is to be made or from their legal representative. No interment is to be made until the purchase price of the lot and fees for opening the grave have been paid in full.

ARTICLE 4. The fees for opening all graves shall be established by the Cemetery Board.

ARTICLE 5. An additional charge will be required for week-end interments.

ARTICLE 6. The lots and graves in this cemetery shall be used only for the purpose of human burials. All burials are to be made under the direction and charge of the Cemetery Sexton.

ARTICLE 7. No wooden crosses, cement or composition stones will be allowed on any grave or lot in this cemetery.

ARTICLE 8. No memorial markers of an upright nature will be allowed with the exception of those allowed at the Oak Hill North Cemetery as described in Article 18. The markers are to be of granite, bronze or marble and uniform in size measuring twenty-four (24) inches long and twelve (12) inches wide or forty-eight (48) inches long and twelve (12) inches wide. Stones are to be set on a cement foundation approved by the Cemetery Sexton. In every case stones must be flush with the ground.

ARTICLE 9. No plantings of any nature will be allowed.

ARTICLE 10. The digging or planting of flowers on lots and graves is positively forbidden. Decorations allowed on a grave, other than accepted flags, are plants and floral arrangements in containers not to exceed 6” by 12” at their base or weigh more than 10 lbs. with the exception of flowers placed at time of a burial. Spring and summer displays and containers should be removed by October 15<sup>th</sup> to allow grounds maintenance personnel to perform fall cleanup. Fall and winter displays of wreaths and baskets will be allowed after November 15<sup>th</sup> and must be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. All containers will be removed by the owner or by grounds maintenance personnel at their discretion. Displays not meeting the above criteria will be removed. **The Town of Camden is not responsible for any damaged or lost displays or containers.** All flags, if not removed by the owners, will be removed by cemetery workers after Veterans Day of the calendar year. Flag holders will not be removed. This is to avoid flags being tattered and worn during the winter months.

ARTICLE 11. No burials will be made without a vault except in the case of cremations.

ARTICLE 12. Only one body will be allowed per grave with the exception of cremations. Four cremations will be allowed per grave. Only one stone will be allowed per grave with the exception of cremations. Two stones will be allowed per grave for cremations. Location of stones to be determined by Cemetery Sexton.

ARTICLE 13. Burials will cease on December 15<sup>th</sup> or earlier as weather and ground conditions permit. Burials will begin on April 1st or later as weather and ground conditions permit. Burials will be subject to a monetary weather assessment if necessary. The Mt. View tomb shall be made available to area residents for storage under the discretion of the Cemetery Sexton when burials cease in December. All bodies must be removed from the tomb by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Each remains held in the tomb after May 31<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a fee of \$200.00 per month (or any part thereof) in addition to the regular tomb fee.

ARTICLE 14. After the purchase of a cemetery lot owners will have up to 30 days to purchase adjoining lots *if available*.

ARTICLE 15. The scattering of ashes within the boundaries of the Camden cemeteries shall be prohibited. **The burial of ashes in the cemetery MUST be under the direction of the Cemetery Sexton.**

ARTICLE 16. No parties other than the Town of Camden Cemetery Association will be allowed to accept or expend funds “on behalf of” the Town of Camden Cemetery Association.

ARTICLE 17. No dogs are allowed in the Town of Camden cemeteries with the exception of certified service animals.

ARTICLE 18. Upright memorial markers will be allowed in a *designated* section of the Oak Hill North Cemetery. Markers in this designated area will be subject to the following: All upright stones are not to exceed 34" in total height including the base and the base is not to exceed 48" in length and 14" in width. No natural stones allowed (rocks). All stones are to be set on a concrete foundation with a minimum depth of 4' and no less than 1" larger on all sides of the stone to be set. Use of full forms is required. In the case of cremations, 2 stones will be allowed per grave space. The second stone must be a flush marker. Only 24"x12" flush markers will be allowed on a single grave space. Upright monuments or 48"x12" flush markers are to be centered on 2 grave spaces. All upright stones are to be set at the head (front) of graves.