Whately Cemetery Commission Rules and Regulations

1. Plots shall not be used for any other purpose than as a place for burial. A casket burial plot shall be described as the parcel of land roughly 45" x 132".
2. The owner of said plot shall have the right to erect a monument, a marker, and corner stones commemorative of the dead.
3. Only one monument on each plot and one marker at each grave will be allowed.
4. All monuments must rest on a foundation of cement and stone, and shall reach a depth below the customary frost line and be built to professional standards.
5. Comer stones to mark the boundaries of multiple plots must be set flush to the grade of the plot. Initials shall be cut in, not raised.
6. Ivy, perennial flowers, shrubs, trees or any other permanent border on or around the plots will not be permitted without approval of the Whately Cemetery Commission. Annual flowers may be planted in front of the monument on the plot.
7. All traffic is to be kept to foot traffic unless it becomes necessary to transport items needed for plantings or family plot care.
8. Feel welcome to walk in the cemeteries, but please curb and pick up after your pets.
9. All grading, sodding, seeding, and top-dressing shall be done under the authority of the Whately Cemetery Commission.
10. An approved urn is required for all cremation burials. A concrete vault is required for all casket burials, with the exception of "green burials," as described in Section 16.
11. No interment shall be made until the proper burial permit has been furnished to the Whately Cemetery Commission.
12. No exhumation shall be made at any time without the approval of the state and Whately Cemetery Commission.
13. All persons are strictly prohibited from picking any plants or flowers, whether wild or cultivated, disturbing wildlife, breaking or injuring any trees or shrubs, marring any memorial or defacing property in any way, under penalty of fine and as indicated under MGL Ch. 272, and any other applicable state laws or regulations.
14. Funeral designs and floral arrangements will be removed as soon as they become unsightly. The Whately Cemetery Commission assumes no responsibility for any articles left at the cemetery.
15. Transfers of cemetery deeds must be registered with the Whately Cemetery Commission.
16. "Green burials," defined as burials without the use of embalming fluid, casket, or vault, shall be permitted, subject to review by the Whately Cemetery Commission, and in accordance with any relevant regulations from the Board of Health.
17. All burials are to be in compliance with applicable federal and state regulations, including the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

Other:Pricing of new plots: $250. One plot holds one full burial and three cremations.

Price for grave opening: $600 for a casket or green burial plot; $100 to open a cremation plot. All fees are to be paid to the Town of Whately. All fees are subject to review, and adjustment, if necessary, by the Whately Cemetery Commission.

Certain plots under trees may be designated as cremation plots.

Accepted by the Whately Cemetery Commissioners:

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