

PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY
Town of Cushing, Maine

POLICY MANUAL

Introduction

Pleasant View Cemetery lies on the west side of Davis Point Road in the Town of Cushing. It was established in 1784 as a private burial ground but in recent years was operated by the Pleasant View Cemetery Association. In 2000, by mutual consent, it was transferred to the Town of Cushing. This document establishes various rules and procedures for operation under Town ownership.

Control

In accordance with the Cemetery Ordinance of the Town of Cushing, Maine, and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the cemetery shall be managed by the Cushing Cemetery Board.

Availability

As long as space is available for sale, any Cushing resident or tax payer may purchase burial sites by application to the Cemetery Board.

Sale of Cemetery Lots

Plot sizes, location and layout shall be established and use categories (plots caskets or urns) assigned, from time to time as needed, by the Cemetery Board. An up-to-date plot plan of the entire cemetery shall be prepared and made available to potential purchasers.
The Board shall maintain a data-base of lot sales and of lot owners.

Plot prices shall be set as proposed by the Cemetery Board and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

A deed for each plot sold shall be provided to the purchaser, prepared in the form of the sample, pg 3, and executed by the Selectperson appointed to the Cemetery Board. It shall be the purchaser's responsibility to have the deed recorded, if that is desired.

Lot Openings

Lot openings for burial, foundation and monument setting, and plantings must be authorized through permits. Permits will be issued by the Cemetery Board on request.

Monuments

There shall be no more than one above-ground monument (including one base and one die) per owner of contiguous lots. Other markers on those lots are to be flush with the grade.

No monument shall exceed 32" in height above grade, nor be larger than 58" x 16". The monument must be installed on a concrete, or equivalent, foundation that is 4 feet in depth and at least two inches larger on all sides. Monuments shall be oriented parallel with the tiers.

No mausoleum shall be erected within the limits of the Cemetery.

Plantings by Plot Owner and Care of Plots

Evergreen or flowering shrubs may be planted by owners. Since such plantings have the potential of interfering with adjacent or nearby plots belonging to others, all plantings must be kept trimmed by lot owners to no more than three feet in height and to a diameter that does not encroach closer than within one foot of the lot line.

In cases where the above restriction is not observed, the Board will attempt to correct the problem through contact with the owner. Failing that, the Board will take the necessary corrective action.

Owners may supply any care desired at their own discretion.

The Cemetery Board will provide overall landscaping, trimming and mowing as required for attractive appearance.

Contributions toward the expense of general cemetery care and appearance are welcome, and appreciated, and will be placed in the Town Pleasant View Cemetery account to be used for that purpose.

Accounting and Budgeting

The Treasurer of the Town will receive and disburse all funds and provide an accounting thereof.

The Cemetery Board will prepare a proposed budget of income and expenditures each January for use in deriving a fund request to be acted upon by the Town Meeting.

QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF CUSHING, a
municipal corporation located in Knox County, Maine,

for consideration paid, do hereby remise, release, bargain, sell,

convey to and forever QUITCLAIM unto _____

whose address is _____

its right, title and interest in and to a certain cemetery lot situated in
Cushing, Knox County, Maine, more particularly described as
follows:

Being Lot # _____, in Tier # _____ in Pleasant View
Cemetery as depicted on survey plan entitled "Plan Showing Lots in
the Pleasant View Cemetery, Cushing, Maine." All lots are subject
to restrictions incorporated by the attached Schedule A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the inhabitants of the Town of
Cushing have executed this instrument this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Inhabitants of the Town of Cushing,

by: _____
Their Selectperson

STATE OF MAINE

KNOX, SS. _____, 2002

Personally appeared the above named _____, thereunto
duly authorized, and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and
deed and the free act and deed of said municipality.

Before me, _____,
Notary Public/Attorney at law

QUITCLAIM DEED
SCHEDULE A - Cemetery Lot/Site Use Covenants

RESTRICTIONS

OPENINGS of lots for burials, foundation and monument setting and plantings are permitted only after receipt of an **Opening Permit** issued by the Cushing Cemetery Board.

MONUMENTS are limited to one above ground base and one die per owner of contiguous lots. Monuments are to be oriented parallel with the tiers. Other markers on those lots are to be flush with grade.

MONUMENTS may not exceed 32" in height above grade, and be no larger than 58" x 16."

PLANTINGS must not encroach closer than one foot from the lot line and may not exceed three feet in height.

EXCESS SOIL and other materials must be removed from the cemetery upon completion of burials.

INCLUSIONS

MAINTENANCE of lots/sites will be provided by the Town. Said maintenance is defined as cutting and trimming grass and other wild growth and filling any soil depressions that result from settlement over burials, to the satisfaction of the Cemetery Board.

Town of Cushing
Pleasant View Cemetery Opening Permit

Permission is hereby granted to _____ to open
Lot/Site # _____ for the purpose of _____

Be advised that the following conditions apply:

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by _____
for the Cemetery Board