

TOWN OF PATTEN CEMETERY POLICY

Lot Prices and Sizes: Perpetual care is available for \$800 on a full lot, or \$400 on a half-lot. Quarter size lots are available in certain areas for \$200. Funds are invested and the interest from these funds is used to defray operating expenses. Each full lot holds four full burials and is 16' wide by 12' long. Each half lot holds two full burials and is 8' wide by 12' long. Each Quarter lot is 4' wide by 12' long mostly used for cremations.

Seasonal Interment Dates: The cemetery is closed to interment from November 15th to May 15th. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to make exceptions to these dates on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the weather, location of the burial, and the opinion of the Cemetery Sexton. Anyone violating this policy will be fined \$1,000. This applies to both the family and the party facilitating the burial.

Due to heavy traffic, the cemetery will be closed for all interments (including cremations) during Memorial Day Weekend (Saturday - Monday) and Patten Pioneer Weekend (the second weekend in August Friday - Sunday).

Grave and Monument Locations: The Town of Patten shall be consulted prior to any interment or placement of any monument. The Town will advise the location of the gravesite and also provide a location for the placement of the monument. There will be absolutely no interment (including cremations) without prior approval from the Town. Placement of monuments is not permitted without location approval from the Town. Anyone violating this policy will be fined \$1,000.

Gravesite Decorations: Trees and shrubs may not be planted directly into the ground. Containers may be placed within 12" of the front of the headstone and must be removable. Containers may not be placed on gravesites prior to May 15th and must be removed by November 15th. Items remaining after that date will be removed and discarded. Winter season decorations are permitted but shall in all cases be removed prior to May 15th. The Owner of any item(s) left in the cemetery assumes all risks related to the item(s) and agrees not to hold the Town liable for damages to or caused by the said item(s). The Town reserves the right to remove, or require the removal of, any item from the cemetery at any time when it hinders maintenance or operations of the cemetery.

Seasonal Access: The cemetery is open year-round to foot traffic. It is closed to vehicular traffic from November 15th to May 15th, unless otherwise approved by the Cemetery Sexton.

Pets: Pets must be on a leash and kept on the cemetery road. Pets are not permitted to roam the cemetery. The cemetery does not allow the burial of pets.

Burial Fees: The cost for a grave opening for a full burial is \$400. The cost for a cremation burial is \$150 if the Town opens and closes the grave. Families can choose to do their own cremation burials at a cost of \$50. Families must follow Town guidelines and placement instructions for all cremations. Anyone violating this policy will be fined \$1,000.


Weekend and Holiday Fees: The cost for a grave opening for a full burial on regular weekends (Saturday or Sunday) is \$500. The cost for a cremation burial on regular weekends (Saturday or Sunday) is \$200. The cost for a grave opening for a full burial on any holiday or holiday weekend (Saturday - Monday) is \$600. The cost for a grave opening for a cremation burial on any holiday or holiday weekend (Saturday - Monday) is \$300. Holidays include: Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day.

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Signed: April 18th, 2023




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