

Woodlands
Cemetery Association
of
Granville Center, Mass.



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OFFICERS
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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OFFICERS

President

MRS. HATTIE C. STEVENSON.

Vice-President

MRS. EMMA L. STOW.

Treasurer

RALPH B. COOLEY.

Clerk

JENNIE D. JOHNSON.

Directors

MRS. HATTIE C. STEVENSON,	EDWARD F. ROBERTS,
MRS. EMMA L. STOW,	ELLIOTT F. BARNARD,
RALPH B. COOLEY,	WILLIAM S. POMEROY,
LESTER B. DICKINSON.	

Superintendent

CLARENCE E. JOHNSON.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Corporation shall be the Woodlands Cemetery Association.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION I. The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Board of Directors, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen from its members, and shall remain in office till their successors are chosen; and in all cases the same person shall be re-eligible.

SECTION II. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Clerk shall be elected annually; and the President, Vice President and Treasurer shall be ex-officio, members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION III. The Board of Directors shall consist, in addition to the President, Vice President and Treasurer of four persons who shall be elected annually.

SECTION IV. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the Corporation, and all such elections shall be by ballot.

SECTION V. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all the meetings of the Board of Directors, and of the Corporation and in case of his death or absence it shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside, and in all respects act as the President.

SECTION VI. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all the accounts, vouchers and money of the Corporation; but in the payment and disposition of all moneys, he shall act solely under the direction and control of the Board of Directors. He shall also make a report to the Corporation at its annual meetings, of its pecuniary affairs, and to the Board of Directors, whenever required.

SECTION VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of all the proceedings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors.

SECTION VIII. The Board of Directors shall have the general charge and superintendence of the affairs of the Corporation with full authority and discretion to lay out, arrange and embellish the grounds, determine the number, size, and price of lots, and to make all such regulations for the preservation and general control of the grounds, as may from time to time be necessary. They shall have power to make all contracts and employ all persons requisite for these purposes.

The Board of Directors shall also make a report of their doings to the Corporation at each annual meeting.

SECTION IX. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy which may occur in any office during the year, such appointment to determine at the next annual meeting of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION I. There shall be an annual meeting of the Corporation the second Monday in June. The Board of Directors shall also call special meetings of the Corporation, whenever they deem it important so to do, or upon the written request of five Corporate members.

SECTION II. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings on the second Mondays of June and October in each year, and at such other times as they shall find necessary, and three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for Business.

SECTION III. All meetings of the Corporation shall be called by the Clerk's sending notice by mail to each member seven days at least before the time appointed for any such meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION I. All lots shall be sold by authority of the Board of Directors by deed under the Corporate seal, signed by the President and Clerk.

SECTION II. Any person being one of the original incorporators or owning a lot or representing a lot in the cemetery established by the Corporation shall be a Corporate Member; or being interested in the ownership of a lot on filing an acceptance of membership with the Clerk; also any person representing a lot in any cemetery already established which has been transferred to this Corporation, shall be a Corporate Member on furnishing right of representation; but where there are two or more joint owners of one lot, they shall be entitled to but one vote, and they shall designate to the Clerk the person to be enrolled as a Corporate Member; and in case they fail to do so, he shall be named by the Directors. But the owner of a lot designed for a single interment only, shall not be deemed a Corporate Member.

SECTION III. All money received from the sale of lots shall, under the Direction of the Board of Directors, be appropriated to or reserved for the improvement and embellishment of the Cemetery Grounds, and the payment of the necessary expenses of the Corporation, but for no other purpose.

ARTICLE V.

(Of conditions and limitations to be inserted in the deed of lots.)

SECTION I. Every lot of land shall be holden subject to the provisions contained by the By-Laws, which now are, or may be hereafter established by the Corporation.

SECTION II. No conveyance of any lot shall take effect until a record of the same containing the number of the lot, the party by whom and to whom conveyed, and the consideration thereof, shall have been made by the Clerk, in a book kept for that purpose, and a certificate of such record minuted on the deed.

SECTION III. No lot of land shall be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the dead;

and no trees within the lot or border shall be cut down, trimmed or destroyed without the consent of the Directors.

SECTION IV. The proprietor of any lot shall have the right to erect stones, monuments or sepulchral structures, and to cultivate trees, shrubs and plants in the same, subject to the approval of the Directors.

SECTION V. If any trees or shrubs, situated in any lot, shall by means of their roots, branches or otherwise, become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or dangerous, or inconvenient to passengers, the Directors shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to enter said lot and remove said trees and shrubs, or such parts thereof as are thus detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.

SECTION VI. If any monument or effigy, or any structure or any inscription, be placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by the Directors to be offensive or improper, the said Directors shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to enter such lot and remove the offensive or improper object.

SECTION VII. No tomb shall be constructed within the bounds of the Cemetery except upon lots designated by the Directors for that purpose; nor shall the owner of any tomb or lot suffer the remains of any person to be deposited therein for hire.

SECTION VIII. No proprietor of a lot shall grade or alter the surface of his lot without the consent of the Directors.

SECTION IX. If the owner of any lot which has not been used for the purpose of burial, desires to sell the same, the Corporation shall first have the right to purchase by paying the price paid by said owner with the legal interest thereon, provided, however, that the Corporation shall in no case be obliged to pay more than the price then established by the Directors for lots of the same description; and provided also, that the owner

shall be allowed the value of any improvements he may have made on the lot in conformity with these By-laws.

SECTION X. No fences, hedges, copings or curbing shall be placed on or around any lot.

ARTICLE VI.

(Provisions for the perpetual care of lots.)

The Woodlands Cemetery Association will receive on trust, a sum of money, the income of which shall be appropriated to the repair and care of any lot or of the Cemetery as may be designated by the party making the deposit.

The income of said fund to be applied whenever it may be necessary to keep in suitable repair and preservation so far as it may be sufficient for that purpose the cemetery or lot designated. Provided, however, that the said Corporation shall in no case be obliged to make any separate investment of the sum so given, and that the average income or interest derived from all funds of like nature belonging to the Corporation, shall be divided annually, and carried proportionately to the credit of each lot entitled thereto.

The Treasurer, subject to the control of the Directors, shall have the power to contract with any proprietor for the perpetual repair and care of his lot, pursuant to the terms of the above conditions.

The Directors shall, at least twice in each year, cause an inspection to be made of the lots which the Corporation have undertaken to keep in repair, and see that the trust is duly executed.

All money received from proprietors for the purpose of keeping lots in repair, shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the "Repair Fund", and shall be kept deposited in some Savings Bank of this State, or be invested in such funds as Savings Banks are authorized to invest in by the laws of this State.

Each lot in relation to which such contract shall have been made, shall be entered in a book kept for that pur-

pose, with the principal given on account of said lot, and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole repair fund shall be carried to the credit of each lot.

The Clerk shall keep the Directors or their proper agents appointed thereto informed as to the lots which the Corporation have agreed to keep in repair, and shall also state the sums paid by the proprietors as consideration for such agreement.

ARTICLE VII.

(Seal.)

The Seal of the Corporation shall be a circular die with the words, letters and figures, "Woodlands Cemetery Association, Granville, Mass. 1912" thereon. The seal shall be in the custody of the Clerk.

ARTICLE VIII.

(Alteration of the By-laws.)

These By-laws may be altered, amended or repealed at the annual meeting of the Corporation, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of two thirds of the members present at such meeting.