REGULATIONS AND POLICIES FOR SANDGATE, VT CEMETERIES

Statement of Purpose

Sandgate is fortunate to have several beautiful, peaceful and historic cemeteries. The Cemetery Commission is comprised of three elected members of the community who serve three year terms, who conduct regular meetings and who volunteer their time to make sure the cemeteries are welcoming to all and are kept neat, mowed and in good repair. A stipend is received each year from the Town for the maintenance and care of all Sandgate cemeteries and the Commission oversees this work and endeavors to accomplish needed improvements and repairs as resources allow. The Commission members are available and happy to work with, answer or discuss any questions or concerns from community members. Contact information may be found on the Town of Sandgate website - https://sandgatevermont.org/

REQUIREMENTS FOR RESERVING A BURIAL PLOT:

1. The plots are only available to Sandgate, VT residents and/or Sandgate, VT landowners.

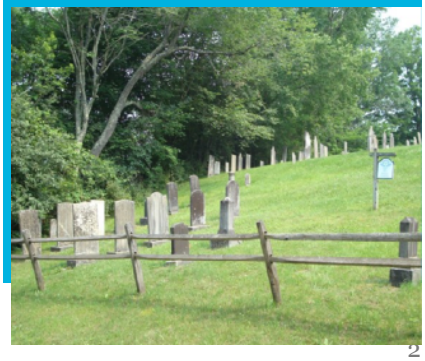
2. Each plot shall be approximately 4' by 10' and can accommodate four (4) cremations or one (1) casket or natural burial. On a case-by-case basis, the Commission may review other proposed combinations.

3. Currently, the donation amount for a plot is $400. Once purchased by a Sandgate resident or landowner, plots may only be donated or transferred back to the Town of Sandgate Cemetery Commission. A private sale to a current Sandgate resident or landowner may be allowed after consultation with the Cemetery Commission. All plots shall be paid in full before any internment shall be permitted.

   A cemetery deed shall be conveyed at the time of plot purchase and all Cemetery Deeds shall be recorded in the Sandgate Town Land Records Book.

4. Square corner markers (6" max) are required. One name or initial on each of four (4) gravesite corner markers is required.
   These corner markers, which should be made of granite or stone can be purchased through many funeral services or online at your expense.

   Corner markers shall be placed at the direction of and in the presence of a Cemetery Commissioner.



5. All plots shall be sold with care included. Such care shall be understood to include: Mowing, trimming of grass, seeding and filling depression areas of plots and ordinary care of monuments and markers.

6. At its discretion, and based on available funds, the Commission may choose to repair and straighten older stones at any of the Town Cemeteries.

7. There shall be no more than one standing monument per plot space and it shall be placed at the head of the plot. All other markers shall be flush with the grade. The base of any monument or marker shall not exceed the width of the plot.

8. No enclosures of any cemetery plot by fencing, curbing or hedge shall be erected/built/planted on the burial site.

FLOWERS, PLANTS and COMMEMORATIVES:

1. The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to trim shrubs or remove dead flowers, plants, vines and trees, broken or neglected commemoratives and other unsightly items from gravesites.

2. No plantings shall obstruct the wording of the monument and no spreading or invasive plants are allowed.

3. Any additional objects and statuary (such as solar lighting, statues, plastic items, large planters, etc.) shall be approved by the Cemetery Commission before installation.

4. The Cemetery Commission and the Town of Sandgate shall not be responsible for any loss of or damage to any herbage or containers or commemoratives placed at any burial plots.

INTERNMENT/DIS-INTERNMENT

1. Prior to digging for the purpose of internment or setting a memorial, a Cemetery Commissioner shall be informed and present.

2. Burials are permitted if cemetery is accessible. Consult with the Cemetery Commissioners regarding any burials during winter months - there may be an additional fee if roads need to be plowed, sanded or repaired for access as cemetery roads and pathways are not maintained in winter.

3. No dis-internment shall be allowed without the permission of the Town, nor until the provisions of the law are complied with.

CONDUCT

1. Disorderly conduct is not permitted within cemetery grounds at any time. Violators shall leave the grounds immediately upon the request of an agent of the Town of Sandgate.

2. No recreational vehicles are allowed in Sandgate Cemeteries.

DIGGING

1. The Cemetery Commissioners will have final decision on who is authorized to dig for burials.

GENERAL RULES AND PROVISIONS

1. The Town and /or the Commissioners reserve the right, without notice, to make temporary exceptions, suspensions or modifications to any rules and regulations.

2. In all matters not specifically covered by these rules, regulations and policies the Town and/or the Commissioners reserve the right to take any action which in their judgement is deemed necessary. Such action/ actions shall be binding upon the lot holder, cemetery visitors, and all parties concerned.

3. A copy of these rules and regulations shall be given to all new plot owners at the time of purchase and plot owners shall sign and return the acknowledgement page to the Cemetery Commission at time of purchase or immediately after.

These rules and regulations were adopted and attested to on 06/22/2026

By Commissioners:

__Julie Robertson_____

__Kathleen Hill_____

__Ann Hammerle_____

SANDGATE, VT TOWN CEMETERIES

Cemetery Plot Purchase

Acknowledgement and agreement to Cemetery Regulations and Policies

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I have received a copy of the Town of Sandgate, VT Cemetery Policies and Regulations, have read it in full and agree to all with my (our) signature (s) below.

Signed_____Date_____

Signed_____Date_____

Please print name _____

Please print name _____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Received by_____Date_____