



Highland Cemetery
Chelsea, Vermont





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HIGHLAND CEMETERY,

CHELSEA, VERMONT,

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At the annual town meeting of Chelsea, Vt., March 3d, 1903, it was voted to place Highland Cemetery in the care and management of five Cemetery Commissioners, who are to have the charge of said Highland Cemetery, as provided by section 3593 of the Vermont Statutes. The following named persons were elected as said Cemetery Commissioners, namely: C. P. Dickinson, E. D. Barnes, W. H. H. Hall, J. B. Bacon and J. A. R. Corwin. The said Commissioners, on April 8th, 1903, adopted the following By-Laws and Rules and Regulations concerning Highland Cemetery.

BY-LAWS

CONCERNING

HIGHLAND CEMETERY.

SECTION 1. The care, superintendence and management of Highland Cemetery shall be lodged in a board of five Commissioners, who shall hold office for five years, and until others are chosen in their stead, and one of whom shall be elected each year by ballot or otherwise at the annual meeting held for the election of town officers. Vacancies in the board may be filled for the remainder of the term at any meeting of the town called for that purpose.

SEC. 2. The said Board of Commissioners shall set apart and appropriate a portion of said cemetery as a public burial place for the use of the inhabitants of Chelsea, free of any charge therefor; and they shall lay out said cemetery in suitable lots or other subdivisions for family or other burial places, with all the necessary

paths and avenues, and may plant and embellish the same with trees, shrubs and flowers and other rural ornaments, and may enclose and divide the same with proper fences or walls, and may erect a receiving tomb and such other conveniences as they shall deem expedient. And said Board may make such other rules and regulations in relation to said cemetery not repugnant to the laws of the State as they may deem expedient, subject to the approval of the town, and shall cause to be prosecuted all offences against the laws of the State relating to the care and protection of said cemetery, or of anything lawfully erected in or around the same, and all moneys raised by the town for the laying out, improvements, or embellishment of said cemetery shall be expended under their direction.

SEC. 3. Three or more members of said Board of Commissioners shall have authority to grant and convey to any person or persons by deeds or certificates, duly executed by them in the name of the town of Chelsea, the sole and exclusive right of burial, and of erecting tombs, cenotaphs, and other monuments in any designated lots or subdivisions of said cemetery, upon

such terms and conditions as said Board by their rules and regulations prescribe. Said deeds or certificates shall be recorded by the town clerk in a book kept for that purpose at his office.

SEC. 4. The proceeds of the sales of lots, or rights of burial, or of any other property in said cemetery, shall be paid to the town treasurer, to be kept by him separate and apart from other funds of the town, and to be known as the Highland Cemetery Fund, and subject to the order of said Commissioners for the time being, and the proceeds to be used for no other purpose than the improvement, embellishment and care of said cemetery, as before provided under the direction of said Board of Commissioners.

SEC. 5. Said Board of Commissioners shall annually, in the month of February, make and render a report in writing of their accounts and proceedings and of the condition of the cemetery, with an account of the receipts and expenditures for the same, and the funds subject to their order.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

CEMETERY.

INTERMENTS.

No interment shall be made until the Commissioners or Superintendent in charge shall have been furnished with such permits as may be required by the laws of the State or of the city or town from which the deceased may be brought, together with an order from the proprietor of the lot in which such interment is to be made or from his representative, nor until the fees hereinafter provided shall have been paid.

Interments made be made in single graves sold from lots reserved for that purpose (other than the public lot), and the graves num-

bered upon the payment of three dollars each, in addition to the fees hereinbefore provided; and any three of the Commissioners may give a certificate therefor in the form provided for that purpose. Whenever any such grave shall become vacant by the removal of the body interred therein, the owner may sell said grave with the approval of the Commissioners, otherwise the land shall revert to the town; but in case the owner thereof, or his representative, becomes the purchaser of a lot in the cemetery, the original price of the grave, in case of reversion to the town, shall be allowed in part payment for the lot. No more than two interments shall be made in the same grave, whether in a private or public lot, and the later interment shall be at least four feet below the surface of the ground.

Bodies may be deposited in a receiving tomb, with the consent of the Commissioners, and may there remain until May 1st in each year, subject to the order of the Commissioners, who may at any time thereafter remove the body to such place within the cemetery as they may deem proper. The Commissioners shall deliver any such body to the friends or relatives applying

for it in a legal manner, for removal at their own expense from the cemetery.

No grave or tomb shall be opened for interment or removal by any person not in the employ of the Commissioners.

RECORDS AND PLANS.

There shall be kept in the office of the town clerk, under the control of the Commissioners of the cemetery, all the books necessary for recording the necessary deeds of lots; or the certificates of purchase of single graves; of transfers from proprietor to proprietor, and transfers by will or by operation of law; also instruments of donation in trust for the perpetual care of lots, or for any purpose consistent with the objects of the cemetery; also a register of interments; and such other records as may from time to time be found necessary and convenient by the Commissioners.

CONCERNING LOTS, TOMBS, etc.

1. No lot shall be enclosed by a wall, fence, coping, hedge, or by any boundary whatever, except by permission and to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

2. No lot shall be used for any purpose other than as a place of burial for the dead; and no trees within the lot shall be cut down or destroyed, without the consent of the Commissioners.

3. The proprietors of lots shall have the right to erect monuments, cenotaphs, or stones, commemorative of the dead, and to cultivate shrubs or plants within the limits of their lots.

4. The Commissioners shall have the right to remove from any lot such trees and shrubs as shall in their judgment be detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues or the lot itself.

5. The Commissioners shall have the right to remove from any lot any monument, effigy, cenotaph, or other structure, or any inscription which shall be determined by a majority of the Board to be offensive or improper.

6. No tomb shall be constructed or allowed within the bounds of the cemetery unless by special permission of the Commissioners, and only in such places and in such manner as the Commissioners shall direct; and no proprietor shall suffer the remains of any person to be deposited within the bounds of his lot for hire.

7. All lots when sold shall be trenched, graded, sodded, and prepared under the directions of the Commissioners.

CONCERNING VISITORS, etc.

1. No horse or other animal shall be allowed in any part of the cemetery except upon the avenues, or be driven or ridden at a rate faster than a walk, or left without a keeper unless fastened to the places provided for the purpose.

2. All persons with firearms or any article on sale, are prohibited from entering the cemetery. Members of the G. A. R., U. V. U., Sons of Veterans, and kindred societies, may fire a salute over the graves of comrades at burials and on Memorial day.

3. All persons are prohibited from writing upon or otherwise defacing any monument, fence, sign, or other structure belonging to the cemetery.

4. All persons are prohibited from gathering any flowers, either wild or cultivated, or from breaking or otherwise injuring any tree, shrub or plant, or from destroying or annoying birds,

squirrels, or other harmless animals within the cemetery.

5. Visitors must walk on the avenues and paths, and not be allowed on other portions of the grounds.

6. All persons violating these regulations will be subject to arrest and prosecution by the Commissioners.

C. P. DICKINSON,	} Commissioners of Highland Cemetery.
E. D. BARNES,	
W. H. H. HALL,	
JOHN B. BACON,	
J. A. R. CORWIN,	

CHELSEA TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Received for record April 10, 1903, at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes, P. M., and recorded in Book 23, Pages 450 and 451, of Land Records.

Attest,

W. P. TOWNSEND,
Town Clerk.