

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT  
CEMETERY RATES  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
ORDINANCE 2011-2

SHORT TITLE: An action to amend and restate the Cemetery Rates, Rules and Regulations.

CATEGORY: Minor amendment and restatement.

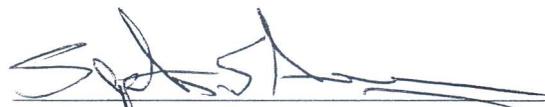
PROCEDURE:

- 1) Introduction-First Review: Read and amended at regular meeting of Cemetery Commissioners on April 27, 2011 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on May 18, 2011.
- 2) Second Review and Public Hearing: May 18, 2011 [No less than 14 days or more than 28 days from First Review.]
- 3) Additional Second Review and Public Hearing: if necessary.
- 4) Notice of Hearing and right to petition posted in public places on May 10, 2011 and published on May 11, 2011 [No less than 7 days before Hearing] in the Springfield Reporter.
- 5) Date of adoption: May 18, 2011.
- 6) Effective Date: July 18, 2011.

AUTHORITY: This action is taken by the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Springfield under authority of 18 V.S.A. §5378, 24 V.S.A. §1974-§1984, Springfield Charter Art. One, §V and Art. Two §III, C, 6.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this enactment to update and restate the Rates, Rules and Regulations applicable to public cemeteries within the Town of Springfield, Vermont.

Approved as to form:  
And as revised on:

  
Stephen S. Ankuda, Esquire  
Town Attorney

1.0 RATES

1.1	Opening and Closing Graves (Grass & Devise Included)	Week Day.....\$450.00 Weekend.....\$500.00
1.2	Stillborn or Baby Burial.....	\$150.00
1.3	Cremation Burials.....	\$150.00
1.4	Entombment Fees	Resident.....NC Non-Resident.....\$100.00
1.5	Canopy Rental (For Service).....	\$ 50.00
1.6	Grave Site Including Perpetual Care.....	\$300.00 {Site \$150.00 & P. Care \$150.00}

Areas not covered herein will follow Vermont State Statutes

## 2.0 USE AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

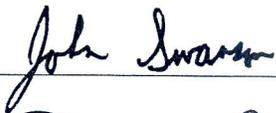
- 2.1 No cemetery space shall be used for any purpose other than the burial of the human dead.
  - 2.2 No monument, marker or headstone may be placed on a cemetery lot until the lot has been paid for. It shall be the responsibility of the monument dealer to check with the Town Clerk's Office to make sure the lot has been paid for and to report the date, time and nature of work to be done, prior to excavation. The monument dealer shall also be responsible for the removal of all dirt resulting from the excavations.
  - 2.3 All monument foundations shall have a minimum depth of 4-1/2 feet, see sketch attached. All headstones or grave markers shall have a foundation depth of at least 3 feet.
  - 2.4 All headstones and markers shall be flush with the ground in Section 'G' of Oakland Cemetery.
  - 2.5 Corner stones shall be flush with the ground.
  - 2.6 There shall be no raised granite or fencing around any lot.
  - 2.7 All caskets shall be placed in a vault at the time of burial.
  - 2.8 No graves will be opened in the winter between December 1st and April 1st, if snow and frost conditions appear to prevent opening, unless approved by the Director of Public Works.
  - 2.9 There shall be no permanent plantings such as trees, shrubs or bushes without first endowing their care with an additional \$150.00 fee payable to the perpetual care fund and duly noted on the cemetery records in the Town Clerk's Office.
  - 2.10 Plastic and other artificial flowers are very much discouraged. Prior to November 1st the family should remove any cemetery decorations it does not wish disposed of.
  - 2.11 Any monument dealer found to be in violation of the above regulations will be asked to rectify the problem and may lose the right to perform work in the cemetery.
- ## 3.0 ACCESS
- 3.1 All cemeteries shall be accessed by foot or vehicle only by way of established vehicle or foot paths.
  - 3.2 All cemeteries shall be open to public access only from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm during the months of April through September and 6:00 am through 6:00 pm during the months of October through March.

- 3.3 Signage shall be placed at all points of ingress and egress and other locations in the discretion of the Cemetery Commission to notify the public of the hours of public access and to post the entrance against trespass at all other hours.
- 3.4 Enforcement. This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by the constable, police, or fire chief in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1974a et seq.

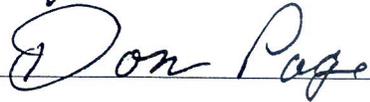
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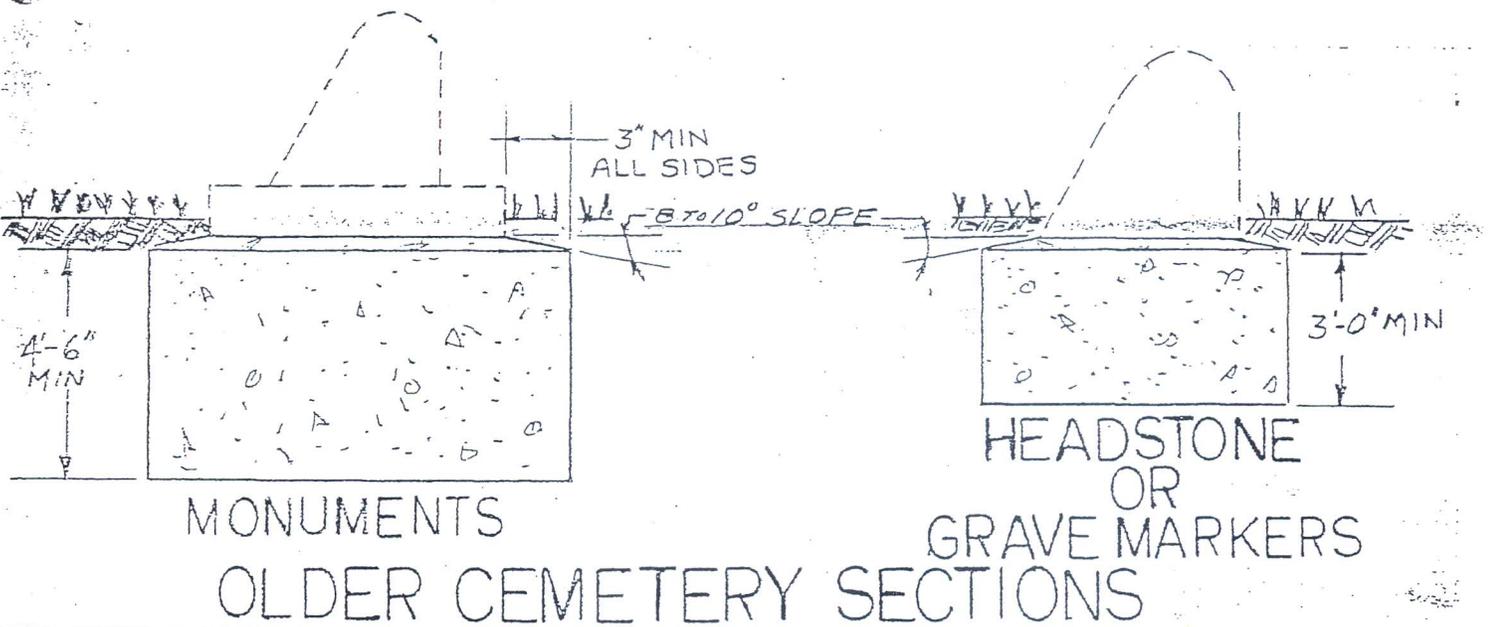
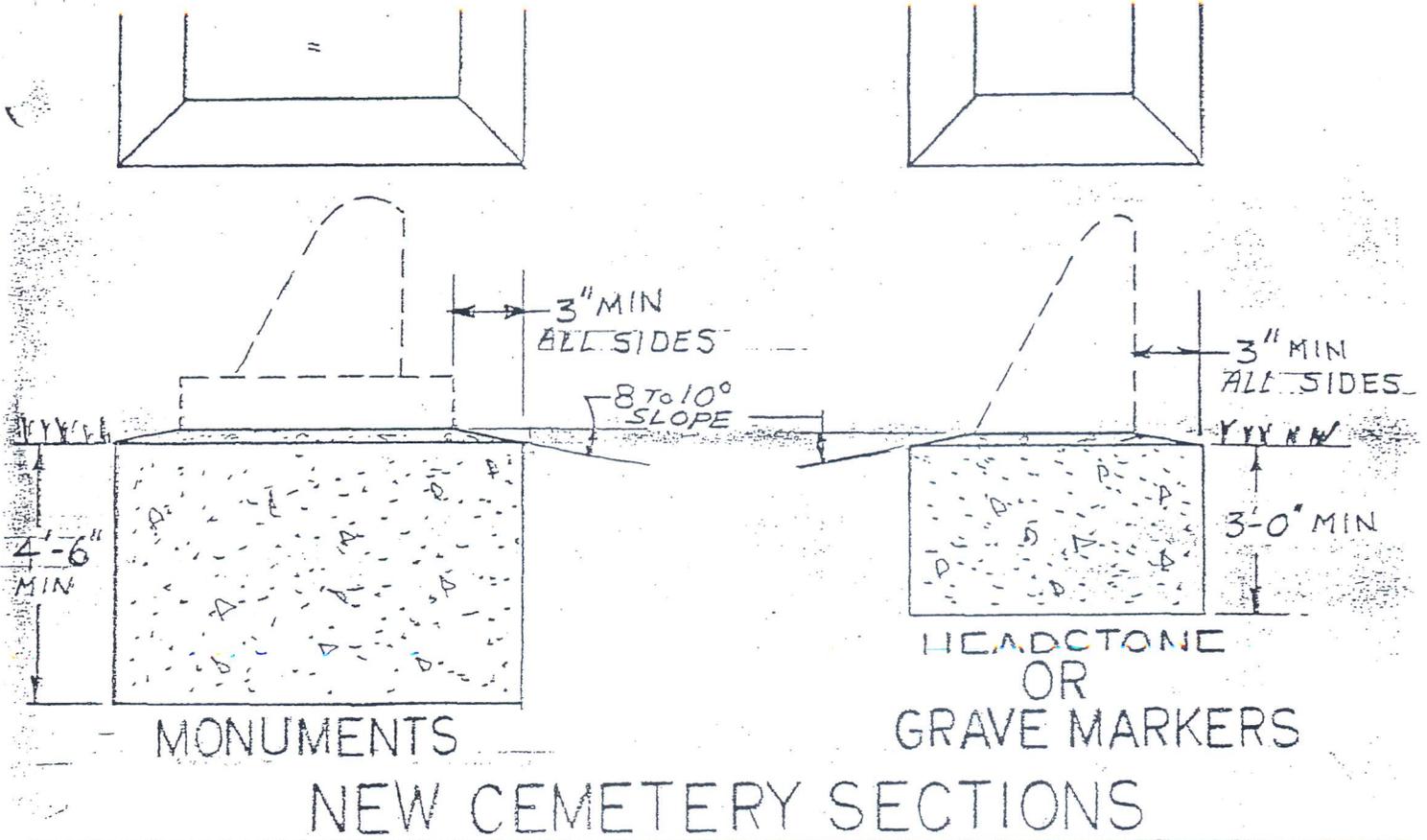


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NOTE.  
 ALL LARGE MONUMENTS SHALL HAVE A FOUNDATION AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF THE MONUMENT.