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In addition to the Town of Wilton Cemetery Rules and Regulations, the following additional rules apply specifically to burial within this Section of Laurel Hill.

The “green” burial section contains 56 plots, each being 4 feet x 10 feet. Individuals may purchase a right to inter for no more than 2 plots; the purchase of more than 2 plots by one individual requires review/approval by the Cemetery Board of Trustees.

Cornerstones are mandatory in this section. The purchaser of the plot is responsible for purchase and placement of corner markers, which are to be installed under the direction of the Overseer of Cemeteries. The markers shall not exceed six (6) inches in width and six (6) inches in height. The markers shall be incised (cut-in), with no raised lettering. They are to be set at the extreme corners of the plot and square with the bounds of the plot.

A flat stone may be placed at the foot of the plot as a marker. No chemicals may be used to enhance the etching. The stone must be level with the ground, and may not exceed 12 inches x 24 inches in size. A family member may install the stone at the foot of the grave after notifying the Overseer of Cemeteries. If assistance is required to install the marker, there will be a charge to cover labor cost.

No flowers or decoration of plots is permitted in this Cemetery Section at any time. Placement of flowers or decoration of any kind will be removed. The Town will not be held liable for any containers or decoration removed, but reserves the right to bill the plot owner for the labor associated with removal.

For interment in this section, the following rules apply:

- No embalming
- No vault
- Casket of biodegradable material only, without nails, glue or any other fastener that will remain in the ground
- A blanket or shroud may be used in place of a casket, but must be of natural, biodegradable material.

If additional information is required, contact a Cemetery Trustee.

All graves will be dug five (5) feet down with at least three (3) feet of dirt covering the casket or shroud. Burial requests should be made in accordance with Town Cemetery rules. Town Cemetery rules apply regarding the appearance of the grave site once the body is interred, with one additional requirement: the grave must be mounded with 3-4 inches of dirt to compensate for any sinking which may occur.

Prior to burial, a transit permit is required along with all of the burial fees. If this is a home burial, it is up to the family to do any required paperwork and pay applicable fees.

An individual designated on the right to inter for burial in this section who elects to be cremated may be buried in this section provided the cremains are in a container without nails, glue or any other fastener that will remain in the ground. Rules for cremation burial follow the standard Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery. Ashes may also be placed directly into the ground.

When all plots have been purchased and burials completed, this section will be allowed to return to its natural forested state.

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Cemetery rules may be changed or amended by a majority vote of the Cemetery Trustees in whole, at any regular meeting.

Cemetery Trustees, Town of Wilton, NH

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