CEMETERY REGULATIONS: (Not a By-Law – For Informational Purposes Only)

2401. Town Cemetery regulations approved at the Special Town Meeting held May 26, 1970:

2401.1 All orders for work of any kind in the public cemeteries shall be forwarded to the Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, and uniform rates for such work shall be fixed by the Board of Selectmen.

2401.2 No soliciting for work of any kind will be allowed in a public cemetery.

2401.3 No work in the care of or relative to lots, monuments, grading, etc., shall be allowed in any public cemetery before 7:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. without the written permission of the Superintendent.

2401.4 No work in the care of or relative to lots, monuments, grading, etc., shall be allowed on Memorial Day, and no grading, seeding, digging, or setting monuments shall be performed any time prior to and including ten days before Memorial Day without written permission of the Superintendent.

2401.5 Any work to be done by persons not employed under the direction of the Superintendent must be approved by the Superintendent before any work is begun.

2401.6 No trees or shrubbery shall be set out on any lot or lots without first obtaining the written permission of the Superintendent.

2401.7 All foundations for stones or monuments must be laid and built under the direction of the Superintendent.

2401.8 Immediately upon completion of any work in a public cemetery, all surplus material must be removed by those doing the work.

2401.9 It shall be unlawful to bury more than one person in one grave without the consent of the Selectmen.

2401.10 All bills for work in the Cemetery Department are due in the year rendered and are payable when the work is done. All bills being payable to the Town Treasurer; any complaint on bills must be filed with the Superintendent in writing.

2401.11 The penalty for violation of these rules shall be the withdrawal of all privileges of work or employment in the cemeteries, at the discretion of the Superintendent or Board of Selectmen, and any
improper trespass, vandalism or other illegal acts shall subject the offender to liability of arrest.

2401.12 It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to enforce these rules and regulations and to prosecute the violation of all laws affecting said cemeteries.

2401.13 The Superintendent shall make returns of all expenses and receipts to the Selectmen when required.

2401.14 "On all two, four or six grave lots, the headstones would be placed in the center line on the lot between any two or more of the graves. Grave markers can be placed at the front of the graves. Planting on the graves will be limited to approximately one foot around the headstone." Provisions of this item to be restricted to future developments in existing cemeteries and future cemeteries.

2401.15 Veterans Plat shall be used for the internment of a veteran and his/her spouse only.

2401.16 Flat flush ground grave markers to be used in the third section and in all new sections added to the existing Veteran's Plot; the third section being east or directly behind sections one and two of the Veteran's Plot.

2401.17 No dogs will be allowed in a public cemetery with the exception of service dogs, sometimes known as guide dogs or signal dogs, that have been individually trained to provide assistance to individuals with disabilities, and those contained within a motor vehicle.