MILTON CEMETERY TRUSTEES TRUSTEE BYLAWS



Mission Statement

The mission of the Milton Cemetery Trustees is to execute all the powers and duties as defined in RSA 289.

Article I - Name

This organization shall be called the "Milton Cemetery Trustees" existing by virtue of the provisions of RSA 289:6 of the Laws of the State of New Hampshire, and exercising the powers and authority and assuming the responsibilities under the said statute.

Article II - Powers and Duties

- A. The powers and duties of the Milton Cemetery Trustees are as defined in RSA: 289:7. In addition, the Milton Cemetery Trustees will also prepare certificates of rights to inter for the governing body to sign.
- B. The Cemetery Trustees will meet as often as required to ensure their responsibilities are being fulfilled.
- C. Provide guidance and advice to owners of private cemeteries regarding State Statutes governing cemeteries as required.
 - D. Oversee/manage the Adopt-a-Cemetery program.
 - E. Manage the operation of the Town Cemetery.

Article III - Qualifications and Conduct

A Cemetery Trustee shall be a legal resident of the town of Milton and should have:

- A genuine interest in municipal cemeteries, burial grounds, and community;
- A general knowledge of cemetery procedures;
- Be familiar with the RSAs governing Cemetery Trustees;
- Be ready to devote time and effort;
- Be able to work well with other Trustees, the town officials, and the public;
- Conduct themselves in a mannerly way and display respect to each other;
- Adhere to town policies.

Article IV – Responsibilities

Cemetery Trustees will:

- Elect a Chairperson and a Secretary/Bookkeeper at the first meeting following the election of a new or existing Trustee.

- of the minutes of the past meeting within 6 working days after the regularly scheduled meeting. Minutes of all meetings will also be given to the Town Clerk and posted in two public locations.
- Prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Budget Committee and the Selectmen, as needed
- Make recommendations to the Selectmen to maintain municipal cemeteries and local burial grounds
- Review the by-laws annually
- Develop rules and regulations for operating and maintaining in good condition municipal cemeteries and preserve the sanctity of local burial grounds.

Article V - Standards of Conduct

Trustees shall avoid any possibility of conflict of interest; neither a Trustee nor any member of a Trustee's family shall receive any gain by reason of dealings with any municipal cemetery in the town of Milton.

Article VI - Meetings

In accordance with the New Hampshire Revised Statues all Trustee meetings shall be open to the public, unless the Trustees vote to go into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3. Meetings will be called at the pleasure of the Chair.

A quorum for the transaction of the business at any meeting shall consist of at least two-thirds of the Trustees being present. An affirmative vote of the majority of the Trustees present at a meeting shall be necessary to approve any action before the Trustees.

The Milton Cemetery Trustees will abide by Robert's Rules of Order as amended and adopted by a majority of the Trustees.

John Katwick, Chairman

Brian McQuade, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Bruce Woodruff, Cemetery Trustee