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ADOPTED: Thursday August 14, 2014

RESOLUTION #139 CEMETERY POLICY

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Mairs, seconded by Supervisor LeFeber the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVE to adopt the following Cemetery Policy:

**TOWN OF AVON
AVON CEMETERIES
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Section A.

HOURS AND OPERATION:

1. Cemetery is legally closed from sunset to sunrise.
2. No Motorcycles, Bicycles, all-terrain vehicles or RV's permitted on Cemetery grounds
3. No loitering on Cemetery property.
4. No dumping of waste, garbage or refuse on Cemetery property.
5. No dogs allowed on Cemetery property
6. No cremated remains will be permitted to be scattered in any part of the cemetery.
7. No thru traffic
8. Trash is carry in, carry out.

Section B.

GRAVE AND GRAVE OWNERS: Lots shall not be used for any other purposes than as a burial place for deceased human beings.

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1. Monuments must have foundations of poured concrete no less than 32” in depth with a 2” border surrounding the base of the monument (the foundations cost is the responsibility of the grave owner.)
2. No BURIAL may be made or MONUMENT erected until full payment for graves has been made in full.
3. Lot owners are prohibited from allowing internments to be made on their lots for compensation.
4. The interment of cremated remains will be permitted only in appropriate rigid receptacles such as wood, metal, plastic or concrete.
5. Concrete vaults or concrete grave liners will be required for interments in all graves.
6. No vault or mausoleum shall be built above ground without the permission of the Avon Town Board
7. Funerals must be scheduled by 3 p.m. to allow workmen sufficient time to properly close the grave and remove equipment before 5:00 p.m.
8. All funerals, processions and vehicles will be under the control of the Cemetery Caretaker
9. Only one monument shall be allowed on a lot and it shall be set in accordance with the general plan of the Cemetery and conform to said plan in size and material.
10. The bases of all monuments shall be finished true and level so as to fit on foundation without wedging or sprawls.
11. All monuments or markers must be constructed of granite, bronze, marble or field stone.
12. Eternal Lights are permitted.

Section C.

CARE OF GRAVES:

1. The general care of the Cemetery is assumed by the Caretaker and includes:

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- a. Mowing the grass at reasonable intervals
 - b. Raking
 - c. Cleaning and re-seeding of graves after burial
 - d. Pruning of shrubs and trees that may be placed by the Town
2. The general care assumed by the Cemetery will in no case mean the repair or replacement of any monuments or memorials, placed or erected upon the graves; that have been damaged by the elements, an Act of God, thieves, vandals, or unavoidable accidents.
 3. All work done in the Cemetery shall be done by Town employees or under the control of the Caretaker. Reminder that it is impossible to keep grass off headstones.

Section D.

REGULATIONS FOR CEMETERY DECORATIONS:

1. The Cemetery Caretaker will not maintain plants or urns.
2. No fences, hedges, posts or enclosures of any kind will be allowed on graves.
3. No more than two potted plants may be placed on graves. Potted plants (both real and artificial) are permitted only on the ends of monuments (for mowing purposes) in marble, concrete, clay or plastic containers. No shrubs, bushes, or other adornments may be placed on graves.
4. The Cemetery Caretaker shall have the right to remove any trees or shrubs situated on any grave which, by means of their roots, branches or otherwise, will become detrimental to the adjacent graves, dangerous, unsightly, or inconvenience visitors and maintenance staff.
5. Decorations that have become withered, unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased shall be removed. The Cemetery Caretaker reserves the right to remove them to maintain the best appearance of the grounds, should you fail to do so.
6. One week after interment the Cemetery Caretaker will remove funeral flowers.

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7. Winter decorations such as wreaths, natural or artificial are permitted on standards or easels from November 15th to April 1st, should you wish to save your decorations, they must be removed prior to that date.
8. Placing of glass blocks or vases as receptacles for flowers, (either artificial or grown), on graves or plots, is prohibited.
9. The placing of any unauthorized markers, stakes, or posts on, or near any grave is not allowed.
10. Trash is carry in, carry out.

Rules are subject to change without notice.

Approved by the Town Board on August 14, 2014

Vote of the Board: Councilman Ayers - Aye, Councilman Steen- Aye, Councilman Blye - Aye, Deputy Supervisor Mairs - Aye, Supervisor LeFeber – Aye

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of the Town of Avon of the County of Livingston, was duly adopted by the Avon Town Board of said Town on date above, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution.

In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Town Clerk this 5th day of September, 2014.

Sharon M. Knight, CMC/RMC, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

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