

Cemetery Policy
Town of Sumner
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Graves may be purchased for \$200 per grave which includes perpetual care. The Town Clerk must be contacted to purchase a grave. Graves will be sold from East to West no more than 3 rows at a time from existing occupied graves with the approval of the Sexton.

An agreement to purchase a previously sold grave must be made between the current owner and the purchaser; however, the new owner must pay an additional \$100 to the Town for perpetual care.

Clerk will call Sexton before selling plot to be certain of grave location and availability.

The deed for the grave will be issued by the clerk and the treasurer only after payment is made and the check clears the bank.

Funeral directors must contact Clerk and Sexton prior to burial. If contact is not made with either, then funeral directors must contact any Town board member.

If possible, all graves dug in the Sumner Cemetery will have sod removed prior to digging the grave. Upon closing the grave, the grave will be backfilled properly and sod returned. Any extra dirt from graves will have to be hauled away at diggers expense. Any work that has to be done to fix graves that are not dug and back filled properly will be charged to the funeral home.

All regular casket burials have to be buried in a vault. All cremations have to be buried in an urn. This is to insure that all graves can be found more easily in the future.

After January 1, 2018, all decorations on new stones or monuments must have a 4" base with all decorations inside the base. Stones or monuments placed prior to January 1, 2018 are grandfathered in. Placement of glass jars, glass decorations, and candles on the ground is prohibited.

Artificial decorations placed in the summer shall be removed from the cemetery by October 1 each year. Artificial decorations placed in the winter shall be removed from the cemetery by April 1 each year. After 3 years, unused decorations and supporting rods shall be removed. Planting trees or shrubs on grave sites is prohibited.

Copies of the map and record will be made and available to the sexton. Sexton and Clerk will keep each other informed as to changes.

Contact List

Dave Stepanek, Sexton	715-859-6520	Sandy Tomczak, Town Clerk	715-859-6250
Steve Palmquist, Town Chair	715-859-6214	Scott Tubbs, Supervisor	715-418-9438
Mark Zimmer, Supervisor	715-651-0811	Jason Cook, grave digger	715-790-6873