

BY-LAWS
OF THE
Lower Mystic Cemetery
ASSOCIATION.

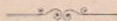
(INCORPORATED IN THE TOWN OF GROTON,
CONN., SEPT. 3, 1849.)

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

(CHOSEN JULY 1, 1893.)



PRESIDENT :

CHARLES R. STARK.

DIRECTORS :

AMOS E. SLACK,

GEORGE W. GATES,

J. HENRY HILL.

CLERK AND TREASURER :

AMOS E. SLACK.

BY-LAWS.



ARTICLE 1. Each proprietor of one or more lots or parcels of ground in this cemetery shall become a member of this Association on his signing the By-Laws of the Association.

ART. 2. Meetings of the Association may be called by the President, or in his absence by the Clerk. Written notice shall be sent to all members, so far as practicable, and posted upon the public sign-post five days before the date of meeting; and a meeting must be called upon a written request signed by five members.

ART. 3. At any meeting of the Association, of which due notice has been given, five members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall hold their positions for one year, or until others are chosen and qualified to take their places.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, except as further provided with regard to bequests or trust funds in article 12 of these by-laws; and he shall make payments upon orders signed by the President, or in the absence of the President by one of the Directors authorized by the President to do so. Orders and receipts shall be preserved on file; the books and papers of the Association shall at all

times be open to examination by members of the Association; and the Treasurer shall be ready to make his report at any meeting of the Association.

ART. 6. All moneys received by the Association shall without delay be deposited by the Treasurer upon interest in some Savings Bank or other secure mode of investment, so that they can be drawn out as may be required, upon his order, signed by the President also or by one of the Directors authorized to act in his place.

ART. 7. All transfers of lots or parcels of ground in this cemetery shall be made by deed, properly executed, and recorded in a book specially kept by the Clerk of the Association for that purpose. The price of a lot 18 feet square shall be \$25.

ART. 8. The officers of this Association shall constitute a Standing Committee, who shall consider and decide upon all measures for the care and improvement of the cemetery, and the highway in front of it; unless in any case the Association is pleased to decide otherwise.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee may appoint a Superintendent of the grounds, whose duty shall be to take care of the cemetery, except so far as satisfactorily cared for by individual proprietors, and also, in conjunction with the town authorities, to take care of the highway in front of the cemetery. The said care shall be limited by the funds in hand of the Association, and shall be directed, in general, to maintaining the walls, gates, well,

etc., in good condition, care of the trees, cutting and removing the grass, and enriching the ground by top dressing or resodding from time to time as may be expedient.

ART. 10. No trees shall be planted or cut down in the cemetery except under the direction of the Standing Committee. If any trees or shrubs situated in any lots shall become in any way unsightly or detrimental, the Standing Committee shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to remove said trees or shrubs, or such parts thereof as may be required. If any monument or inscription or any structure whatever shall be determined by the majority of the Standing Committee to be for any reason not desirable to occupy a place in the cemetery, the said Committee shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to remove such objects.

ART. 11. The Association recommend the erection of substantial monuments rather than slabs as more desirable and beautiful, and more economical, especially when intended for the record of a whole family. If, however, slabs are preferred they should be placed in a horizontal position. Stone boundary posts, not exceeding two feet in height, are preferable to fences or curbing for convenience and thoroughness in the care of the grounds. For the same reasons, if graves are well marked at the head and foot, a flat surface is preferable to a mound. The Standing Committee will act, as occasion may require, in accordance with these recommendations, unless individual proprietors wish otherwise.

ART. 12. The Association recommend to all persons interested in this cemetery to make provision for perpetual care of their lots, by donation or bequest. The officers of the Association shall be trustees, *ex officio*, for the charge of such funds; and it shall be their duty to see that said funds are safely invested, and the income applied according to the will of the donors. No such donation or bequest shall be accepted, however, without the written consent of a majority of the said officers, entered upon the records of the Association. A form of deed is provided for the conveyance of such trust funds to this Association; and the amount required to insure perpetual care of one lot, according to the terms of such deed, shall be \$50.

ART. 13. These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Association.

Any person (not a charter member) who is an owner in the cemetery either by inheritance or by purchase, can become a member of the Association, with the right of voting at all meetings according to the terms of the articles of incorporation, (each member having one vote only) by signing, in the book of records of the Association, the following agreement:

“The undersigned, proprietors in whole or part of lots or parcels of ground in the Lower Mystic Cemetery, agreeing to the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Lower Mystic Cemetery Association, unite as members of said Association by their signatures hereto.”

FORM OF DEED FOR PERPETUAL CARE OF LOT,
IN LOWER MYSTIC CEMETERY.

THE LOWER MYSTIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, a corporation duly established under the laws of the state of Connecticut, hereby acknowledge the receipt of.....dollars from..... proprietor of lot number.....in the Lower Mystic Cemetery, in the town of Groton, and state of Connecticut, which sum is to be held by said corporation as a trust fund under the provisions of its charter.

Now, THEREFORE, the said corporation, in consideration of said payment, hereby agrees to and with the said.....heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, forever to cause the grass which shall grow upon the said lot to be cut and removed from the said lot, and to cause the said lot to be resodded and forever kept in order by top-dressing at such times and in such manner as the officers of said corporation shall deem most expedient for the proper care of the said lot and the said cemetery.

And the officers of the said corporation are hereby constituted, ex officio, trustees for the said fund, to see that the said fund is safely invested and the income thereof duly applied according to the terms of the agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said corporation have caused this agreement to be signed by their President and Treasurer, this.....day of..... in the year eighteen hundred and.....
.....President.

.....Treasurer.

I certify that the foregoing agreement has been recorded in the book of records of the Lower Mystic Cemetery Association, on page.....

.....Secretary. *Colark.*