



Department of Public Works
The Town of Ludlow, Massachusetts

CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17, 2024

The Town of Ludlow reserves the right to assign lots at its discretion in order to utilize all space effectively.

SECTION 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

1.1 Trees & Bushes

- 1.1.1. The planting of any new trees and/or bushes on any individual lot is strictly prohibited.
- 1.1.2. The Department of Public Works reserves the right to remove any existing trees and/or bushes that are either overgrown, have spread beyond the limits of the plot boundaries, or are not properly maintained.

1.2 Flowers

- 1.2.1. All temporary flowerpots are allowed from Mother's Day on but must be removed by July 1st of each year.
- 1.2.2. Christmas flowers are allowed only from December 1st through April 1st.
- 1.2.3. All flowers in the FLAT MARKER section shall be placed ONLY on the stone marker and are not allowed on the grass.

1.3 Headstones and Markers

- 1.3.1. All headstones and stone markers are to have foundations installed by the Department of Public Works.
- 1.3.2. All headstones and markers shall be installed only in May for Memorial Day and in November for Veteran's Day of each year. No winter or other installations are allowed.
- 1.3.3. Monuments installed on single lots shall not exceed a 36" width on 40" lots.
- 1.3.4. Monuments installed on any lot less than 40" wide shall not exceed the width of the lot less 4"
 - Monuments installed on a 2-grave lot shall not exceed 60"
 - Monuments installed on a 3-grave lot shall not exceed 72"
 - Monuments installed on a 4-grave lot shall not exceed 84"
 - Monuments installed on a 6-grave lot shall not exceed 108"
 - Monuments installed on an 8-grave lot shall not exceed 132"
- 1.3.5. Monuments shall not exceed 4' in height

1.4 Dogs

- 1.4.1. No dogs are allowed in any Ludlow cemetery at any time.

1.5 Rubbish and Debris

- 1.5.1. All rubbish, debris and discarded flowers shall be placed into trash containers provided throughout the cemetery.

1.6 Parking

- 1.6.1. Vehicles shall park on road surface only Parking is prohibited on the main entrance roadways to the cemetery.

1.7 Deeds

- 1.7.1 It shall be the responsibility of the individual lot owner to maintain and secure the deed for the cemetery lots.
- 1.7.2 The Department of Public Works assumes no responsibility for maintaining and/or recording any deeds.

1.8 Burial Schedule

- 1.8.1 There shall be no Sunday burials or Saturday burials before Monday Holidays.
- 1.8.2 No burials will be held on the following holidays: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Day; Washington's Birthday (President's Day); Patriot's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving; and Christmas.
- 1.8.3 There shall be two (2) hours of separation between burials (if more than one burial on any given day).
- 1.8.4 The Department of Public Works shall be notified by Friday, 10:00 A.M. for a Saturday and/or Monday burial.
- 1.8.5 Calls from funeral homes to schedule burials received on Friday after 3:30 P.M. will be available for Tuesday service at the earliest. If that Monday is a holiday, the earliest day for a service will be Wednesday.
- 1.8.6 All Saturday burials shall be assessed an additional fee of \$400.00 to cover the cost of overtime.

SECTION 2: LOT LAYOUT

2.1 Lot Size

- 2.1.1 All new lots established from the effective date of October 20, 2009 shall be 120" long and 40" wide.

2.2 Vault Burial Lot Layout

- 2.2.1 Only one burial vault per lot shall be allowed.
- 2.2.2 The location of the headstone, vault and/or the optional foot marker shall be in accordance with Figure A.
- 2.2.3 One cremation burial may be added to any vault burial lot.
- 2.2.4 All vaults used for burials must be sealed to the elements and constructed of concrete. The furnishing of burial vaults is the responsibility of the Funeral Director and/or vault company.
- 2.2.5 Any infant (0-12 months) in a casket can only be buried with no more than two (2) cremations in a single lot OR in their own lot. They cannot be buried in a lot with a full burial.

2.3 Cremation Burial Lot Layout

- 2.3.1 Lots used exclusively for cremation burials may be divided into four sub lots with one burial per sub lot.
- 2.3.2 Only one headstone shall be allowed per lot.
- 2.3.3 In addition to the one headstone, up to four (4) individual flat stone markers may be placed on each lot, one on each sub lot.

- 2.3.4 The location of the headstone, burials, and/or individual flat stone markers shall be in accordance with Figure B.
- 2.3.5 All cremation burials must have a vault or urn of suitable size and made of a non-deteriorating material.
- 2.3.6 All vaults or urns are subject to the approval of the Department of Public Works or their designee.
- 2.3.7 Cremation burials in the same lot as a full casket/vault burial are subject to a review by the Board of Public Works or its designee to determine if there is sufficient room above the original vault to accept the cremation vault/urn.
- 2.3.8 Any infant (0-12 months) in a casket can only be buried with no more than two (2) cremations in a single lot OR in their own lot. They cannot be buried in a lot with a full burial.
- 2.3.9 All cemetery services must be paid for on the day of service.

SECTION 3: LOT PRICES AND FEES

3.1 Lot Prices

	RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS
3.1.1 Monument sections	\$1000.00 per lot	\$1500.00 per lot

3.2 Grave Openings

3.2.1 Adult vault burial	\$1000.00 per lot	\$1000.00 per lot
3.2.2 Child (under age 12-vault)	\$200.00 per lot	\$200.00 per lot
3.2.3 Cremation burial (adult/child)	\$500.00 per lot	\$500.00 per lot

3.3 Foundations

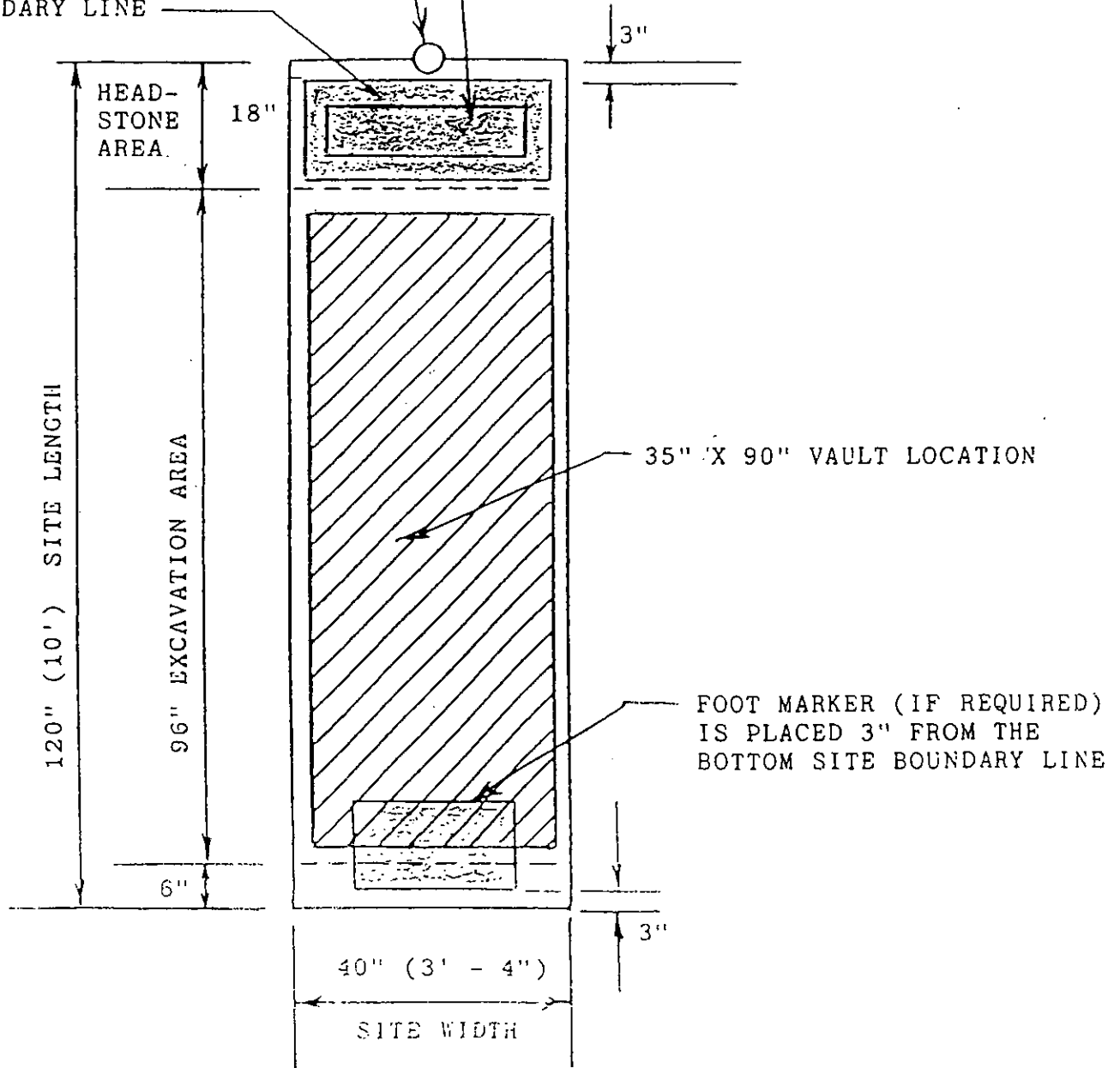
3.3.1 Headstones/monuments (up to 36" width)	\$250.00
3.3.2 Headstones/monuments (over 36" width)	\$350.00
3.3.2 Flat markers (excluding military)	\$100.00
3.3.3 Military/government markers	No charge

VAULT BURIAL LOT LAYOUT

LOCATION OF HEADSTONE VARIES
WITH EACH SITE, HOWEVER, THE
BACK EDGE OF THE HEADSTONE
IS PLACED 3" FROM THE TOP
SITE BOUNDARY LINE

SITE MARKER (IF PRESENT) REMAINS
UNDISTURBED DURING GRAVE EXCAVATION
AND HEADSTONE FOUNDATION EXCAVATION

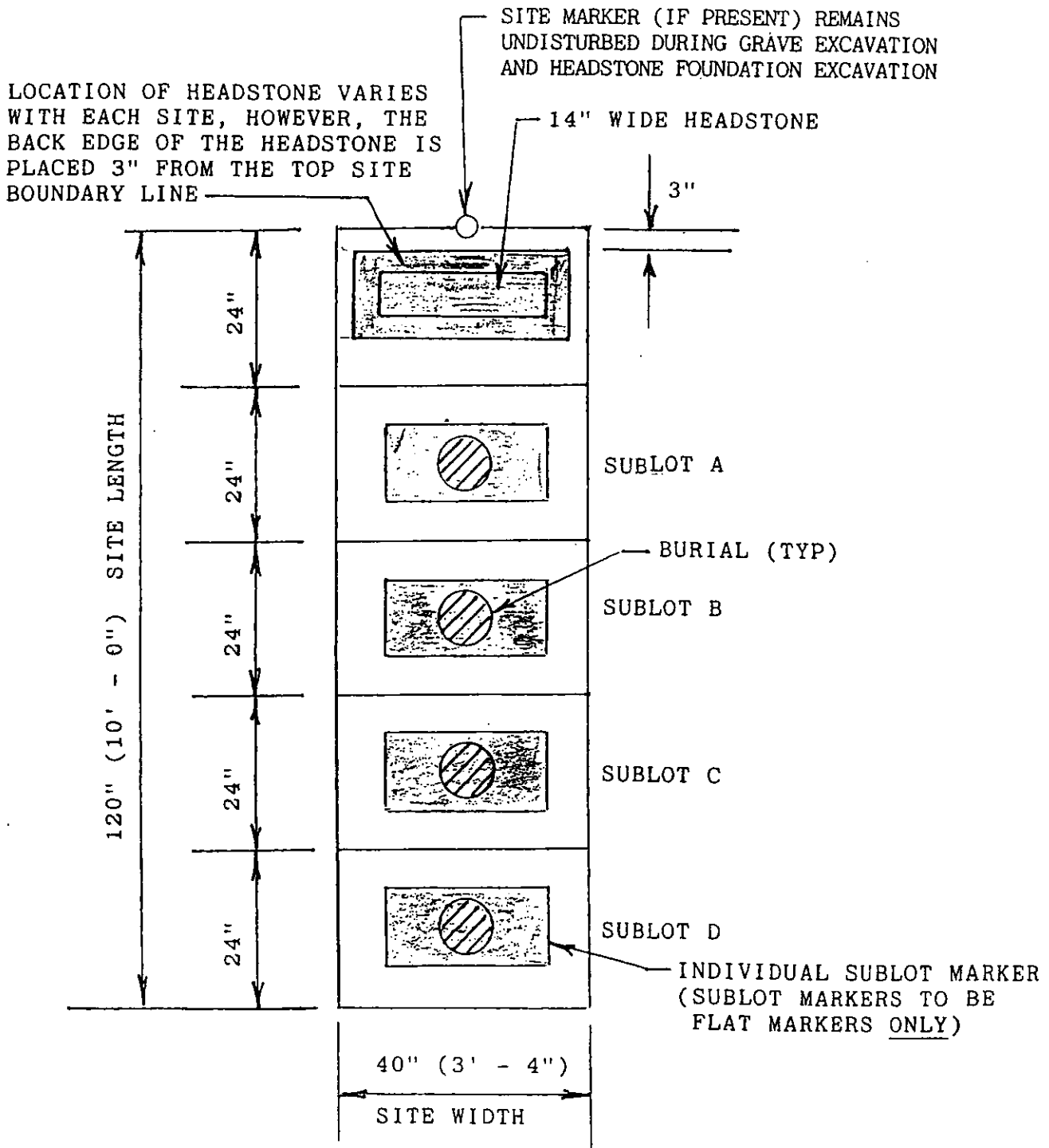
14" WIDE HEADSTONE



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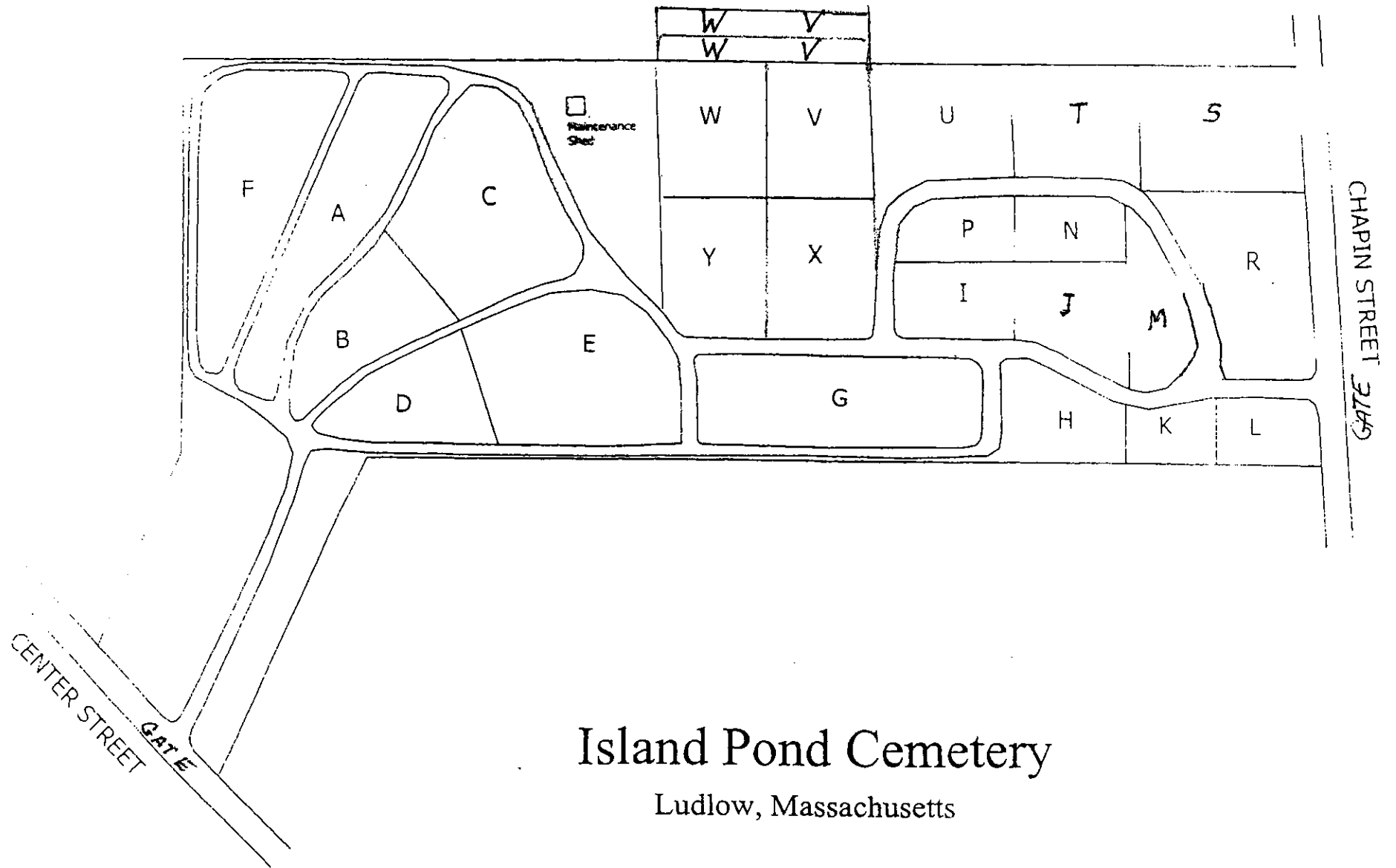
FIGURE A

MULTIPLE CREMATION BURIAL LOT LAYOUT



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FIGURE B



Island Pond Cemetery

Ludlow, Massachusetts