



**Monuments, Markers, and Foundations**  
**Effective September 28, 2016**

**DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:**

The term “monument” refers to the family memorial or headstone placed at top of the burial plot.  
 The term “die” refers to upright portion of the monument, the headstone.  
 The term “base” refers to the rectangular stone section the die rests on.  
 The term “marker” refers to a small, flat stone placed at the bottom of an individual grave.  
 The term “foundation” refers to the concrete set into the ground the granite base rests on.

**CONTROL OF WORK:**

Only cemetery workers are allowed to excavate and install concrete foundations. Foundations are at least four feet deep unless an oversized monument requires a deeper foundation, are the same length and width as the base, and are finished at a level two inches below the surrounding ground. Contractors installing a monument, cleaning or lettering monuments, or other work, act as independent contractors but are under the jurisdiction of the cemetery sexton.

No monuments are allowed in the Town of Barre cemeteries without written approval of the cemetery commission. Lot owners need to submit a “shop drawing” showing the monument size, configuration, material, inscriptions, epitaph, symbolism, and all other design information that make up the monument. Monument manufacturers can supply these drawings, (or provide your own easy to follow sketch) drop them off at the town clerk’s office or with the cemetery sexton. The commission will consider each design and either approve the monument or return the drawing for design revisions and resubmission to the commission. An approved design will have the signatures of the cemetery commissioners along with the date of approval on the shop drawing. Return the shop drawing to the manufacturer. Do not authorize the manufacture of any monument without cemetery commission approval.

**PERMITTED MONUMENT SIZES:**

The sizes of monuments are based on the width of the lot it will occupy. To preserve balance and overall appearance, the cemetery rules require a minimum size for each sized lot. Should a family want a larger monument, the maximum width on any lot shall be 2/3 of the lot width. Permission for larger monuments requires commission approval. Refer to the Cemetery Rules, Sections 19.00, 20.00, 21.00, 22.00, 23.00, and 24.00 for further descriptions and details.

Permitted Monument Sizes						
Number of graves	Minimum size of die			Minimum size of base		
	Length	Thickness	Height	Length	Width	Thickness
Single	1’-8”	0’-6”	1’-6”	2’-0”	1’-0”	0’-6”
2	2’-6”	0’-8”	1’-10”	3’-2”	1’-2”	0’-8”
3 or 4	3’-0”	0’-8”	2’-2”	3’-10”	1’-2”	0’-8”
5 or 6	4’-0”	0’-8”	2’-4”	5’-0”	1’-2”	0’-8”
Due to extra width in 4, 5, or 6 grave lots, larger monuments allowed with commission approval						