## **Benton Cemeteries**

Robin Patterson, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, issues plots and handles all questions regarding the cemeteries in the Town of Benton. She can be reached by phone at 207-540-3793 or by email at <a href="mailto:rpbentoncemetery@gmail.com">rpbentoncemetery@gmail.com</a>

### Cemeteries in Benton:

Ames Cemetery – off the River Road just south of the I-95 overpass.

Brown Cemetery – off the Albion Road just west of Foss Hill Road.

Falls Cemetery – off Clinton Avenue just south of the Benton Town Office and Benton Riverfront Park.

Fitzgerald Cemetery – off the River Road just north of the I-95 overpass.

Goodwin Cemetery - off the River Road just south of the Clinton town line.

Holt Cemetery - off the Bellsqueeze Road just south of the I-95 overpass.

Reed Cemetery – off the Unity Road west of the Gogan Road.

Willey Cemetery - off the Unity Road just west of the Unity TWP line.

Lots – currently the only cemetery available for assigning new lots is Ames Cemetery on the River Road.

Lots are 10' x 10'. This will hold either 3 casket vaults or 9 cremain urns.

Receipt for cornerstones must be provided prior to finalizing lot assignment paperwork and lots must be marked with 4 cornerstones within 90 days of lot assignment. Lots not marked with cornerstones within 90 days can be reassigned at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee Chairperson. Cornerstones must be made from granite, have the initial of the family last name and be installed flush to the ground.

Benton cemetery lots remain the property of the Town of Benton. Lots may only be transferred with written approval of the Benton Cemetery Committee Chairperson.

### Maintenance -

The mowing and trimming contract for the cemeteries runs from mid- May to early October. Mowing is weekly in early spring and summer; every other week mid-summer to fall depending on weather conditions.

Trash bins are provided at each of the larger cemeteries. They are emptied weekly, however if the bins are full during the peak clean up periods please take your old items with you.

Clean up – winter arrangements must be removed by May 1st; summer arrangements by October 1st.

Headstones – it is the responsibility of the family to clean, maintain and repair all cornerstones, headstones, markers and monuments on their lots.

# **Town of Benton Cemetery Fees**

Please contact the Benton Cemetery Committee Chairperson to arrange for a cemetery lot.

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### LOTS:

Lots are currently available at Ames Cemetery on the River Road.

Lots are 10' x 10' and will hold 3 caskets or 9 urns or a combination of the two.

The fees for each lot are:

Resident

\$200

Non-resident: \$1,500

The Town of Benton has a space reserved in Ames Cemetery for individual burials who do not need a full lot. The fees are for \$400 for an urn and \$800 for a casket for Non-residents.

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## **BURIALS:**

Burials of urns and caskets need to be arranged with the Town of Benton using our assigned grave digger. Please contact Robin Patterson, as listed above, to make arrangements. Advance notice is required to arrange burials, especially during the beginning and end of the burial season. The cemetery is closed to burials once the ground is frozen.

### **Burial Fees:**

	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Urn	\$150	\$200	\$250
Casket	\$500	\$550	\$600

The Town of Benton has had a No Shrub policy since at least 2005. Lots that have shrubs will be charged an additional \$250 for each burial as well as any excavation equipment charges incurred to dig the grave.

Fees adopted by Town of Benton Selectmen June 22, 2020.