TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD St. Lawrence County, NY

GALE CEMETERY

APPENDIX D

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following are the rules and regulations for the Gale Cemetery, adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Piercefield by resolution dated August 11, 1981, pursuant to Section 291 of the Town Law of the State of New York. Changes and this update approved by the Town Board July 13, 1993, October 9, 2007.

- 1. The Town Board shall appoint a Cemetery Committee consisting of the Town Supervisor and six residents of the Town of Piercefield. The six residents members shall serve indefinite terms, subject to the pleasure of the Board. Upon the resignation of any committee member, the Town Board shall appoint a replacement.
- 2. The duties of the Cemetery Committee shall be to advise the Town Board on all issues concerning the Gale Cemetery; to make recommendations with respect to the rules and regulations concerning the Gale Cemetery; and to assist and supervise the cemetery caretaker in the promulgation of these regulations. The Cemetery Committee will hold at least one meeting during the year. This meeting will take place the Tuesday before Memorial Day.
- 3. Every resident of the Town of Piercefield, as the effective date of these regulations, may reserve a lot in the Gale Cemetery free of charge. Every person who hereafter becomes a resident of the Town of Piercefield may reserve a lot in the Gale Cemetery without charge two years after establishing residency in the Town of Piercefield.
- 4. In the event a resident who has reserved a cemetery lot moves from the Town of Piercefield, such person must renew his or her reservation of such lot every five years after moving form the Town. In the event a renewal reservation is not received within the time prescribed, the lot shall no longer be deemed reserved and may be reassigned.
- 5. Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who at any time have been residents of the Town of Piercefield are exempt from the residency requirements of these regulations. As of May 1994 spouses of veterans will be included in this exemption if the veteran is or will be placed in the Gale Cemetery. This does not include any other family member.
- 6. Request for reservation of cemetery lots must be made in writing to the Town Supervisor in the form provided. The Supervisor shall determine eligibility for such person, but in the event there is a dispute over the Supervisor's decision, the matter shall be referred to the Town Board, whose decision shall be final.

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- 7. Lots may be reserved by residents only for specified members of their immediate family who are then eligible residents of the Town of Piercefield, and only such persons may be buried in the lots so reserved.
- 8. At the time a cemetery lot is assigned, the person reserving such lot must place corner posts as directed by the caretaker at the expense of the person reserving the lot.
- 9. Disposition of all deceased persons shall be contained in a concrete vault. This does not apply to cremated remains.
- 10. All headstones in the cemetery must be placed in a location designated by the Cemetery Committee or Caretaker.
 - 11. No trees or shrubs may be placed on any lot.
 - 12. Gate will be locked after first snow fall.
- 13. No snow-plowing will be allowed within the cemetery to prevent damage to the grounds.
 - 14. Duties of the Caretaker:
 - a. Keep the cemetery in good condition.
 - b. Assign the plots.
 - 15. It will be the responsibility of the undertaker to see that the grave site is dug.
- 16. If no Veterans organization or other organization purchases flags to be placed on the graves of veterans the Town will purchase flags and place them on the graves.
- 17. These regulations shall become effective immediately, and all local undertakers shall be given copies.