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STATEMENT OF POLICY

No. 14

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS

RSA 289:2 states, in part.: “Every municipality shall provide one or more suitable cemeteries for the interment of deceased persons within its boundaries, which shall be subject to such regulations as the municipality may establish.”

RSA 289:6I requires the election of a board of cemetery trustees. RSA 289:6II-a allows that the residents of a town may at Town Meeting delegate the duties and responsibilities of cemetery trustees to their board of selectmen.

At the time this Policy became effective, the Town of Moultonborough maintains fifty-four (54) cemeteries. At this time, the Town has lots for sale in three (3) cemeteries (Holland Hill, Middleneck and Shannon). The Board of Selectmen developed the following policy for the sale of cemetery lots.

1. Burial lots available for sale by the Town of Moultonborough shall normally constitute a “double lot” that measures eight feet by ten feet. This size accommodates two traditional burials or up to eight cremation burials. Burial within a double lot is at the discretion of the owners, their heirs and assigns.
2. Residents of the Town of Moultonborough may purchase double burial lots, subject to availability, in any Town-owned cemetery. The purchase price of a burial lot (as described) is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
3. Occasionally, a single lot may exist in one of the Town’s cemeteries. A single lot measures four feet by ten feet. This size accommodates one traditional burial or up to four cremation burials. Burial within a single lot is at the discretion of the owners, their heirs and assigns.
4. Residents of the Town of Moultonborough may purchase a single burial lot, subject to availability, in any Town-owned cemetery. The purchase price of a single burial lot (as described) is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
5. Other Moultonborough property owners (non-residents) may purchase a burial lot in the Town’s cemeteries, subject to their stated intent to become residents of Moultonborough at some point in the future. These property owners will pay a

purchase price equal to the cost of a similar municipally-owned burial lot. The purchase price will be equal to the pricing policy(ies) of the municipality where they claim residence.

6. The Town will transfer ownership of burial lots through a deed recorded by the purchaser in the Carroll County Registry of Deeds.
7. The Town of Moultonborough charges an additional fee to open and close grave sites. The fee to open a grave site for a traditional burial is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00); for a cremation burial the fee is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Only the Highway Agent or his designated representatives may open or close a grave site in the Town's cemeteries.

The Board of Selectmen and the Town of Moultonborough will at all times meet the collective obligations and responsibilities of RSA 289 and such other laws, ordinances and policies as are now and may in the future become applicable.

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