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# TOWN OF SOMERS

## Finance Department

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### Town of Somers Cemetery Buy Back Policy

At the regular meeting of the Cemetery Committee on January 11, 2023, it was unanimously voted to finalize a Buy Back Policy for the Town of Somers. This policy only relates to Center Cemetery.

#### Current Owner Requirements

- Current owner must return the original deed or certificate at the time of buy back.
- Current owner must pay any required filing fees as determined by the Town Clerk for transfer of title.
- Current owner must pay for and draft any quit-claim deeds.

#### Town of Somers Requirements

- Town must verify that the lot is being returned by the correct owner.
- Town must verify that the plot is usable for another sale and free and clear of any encumbrances such as, but not limited to, headstones, footstones, or other markers.
- Town will only buy back the plot at the original cost paid by the owner.

#### Process

- Current owner will reach out to the Town of Somers Finance Office to request a buy back.
- The Town will verify ownership of the lot by the requested individual and inform them of the necessary items on their end that are needed to complete the transaction.
- The Town will verify that the lot is usable and clear of any encumbrances. To do so, scheduling with the sexton for plot location services may be required.
- Once all verifications by the Town, and all documents have been collected by the owner, a request for buy back will be placed on the next meeting of the Cemetery Committee to be recommended to the Board of Selectmen for payment.
- Once payment is authorized by the Board of Selectmen, a meeting will be scheduled with the owner to finalize the agreement, file any necessary documents, and collection of payment. The Board of Selectmen shall have the sole discretion to decide whether or not the plots shall be repurchased by the Town.

Approved:

Approved By:

Effective: