

## Rules and Regulations for the Aldrich Cemetery (Owned by the Town of Thurston)

Adopted by Board Resolution on 8/21/2024

1. All lots in the Aldrich Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of Town Law Section 290 of the State of New York and shall not be used for any purposes other than as a burial place for deceased human beings.
2. The business of the Aldrich Cemetery is managed by the Thurston Town Board.
3. The Town Clerk will maintain on file a survey map of all available plots.
4. The full purchase price must be paid before the invoice / deed will be given or burial allowed on the plot.
5. Plots are 5' x 10'.
6. No monument or marker will be allowed to be delivered to the cemetery until all appropriate fees have been paid in full, and foundations are installed and ready to receive it.
7. The following information must be supplied to the Town Clerk prior to any interment:
  - a. Name of deceased
  - b. Name of informant
  - c. Place of birth, if known
  - d. Date of birth, if known
  - e. Date of death
  - f. Time and Date of internment
  - e. If not an adult, names of parent (s) or legal guardian (s) of deceased
8. Transfer of plots shall be done by owners, or in the case of the owner being deceased, only direct heirs will have final decision on transfers.
9. Plot owners may not sell a plot for a price greater than what they paid.
10. The Town of Thurston maintains the right of first refusal for the purchase of a resold plot.
11. The Aldrich Cemetery shall be open to the public from dawn (20 minutes before sunrise) to dusk (20 minutes after sunset).
12. All work done in the cemetery shall be done under the supervision of or with the permission of the Thurston Town Board.

13. Plot owners are not permitted to use pesticides on their plots.
14. No monument or marker shall be permitted which utilizes material other than those of granite or bronze.
15. The Town of Thurston reserves the right to remove any monument or inscription that, in the opinion of the Town of Thurston Board, is unsightly, derogatory, or dangerous.
16. Only one family monument shall be allowed on the plot. A minimum of six plots are required to allow for a family monument.
17. All flowers, natural or artificial, must be located directly on either side of the monument.
18. The Town of Thurston prohibits the planting of shrubs or trees without Town Board approval.
19. No glass containers or decorations are allowed.
20. Ornaments, decorations, figurines, etc. are allowed, provided they are placed at the front of the monument at a distance no more than 8" from the monument.
21. The Town of Thurston reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or other decorations from lots as soon as they become unsightly or dangerous.
22. Heavy trucking or other vehicular traffic shall be refused entry into the cemetery.
23. Anyone damaging or vandalizing cemetery property, monuments, etc. will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
24. Vaults and grave liners are NOT required for interments.
25. Natural burials are permitted; therefore, the deceased do not have to be embalmed.
26. Burial containers can be made from untreated plant materials, with shrouds permissible.
27. All monuments are restricted in size to dimensions that will not cover more than 20% of the surface area of the plot.
28. There shall be no more than two urns and one regular interment for each plot.
29. No person shall make any excavation or dig any grave or make any disinterment without the approval of the Thurston Town Board.
30. Any matters not addressed by the above rules and regulations are at the discretion of the Town of Thurston Board.
31. These Rules and Regulations will be reviewed annually, and may be amended, by the Thurston Town Board at its Organizational Meeting.