

The Garden

The cemetery trustees began the remembrance garden in 2016 when they selected the site and determined its size, approximately 170 ft. by 30 ft.



The slope site was cleared of rocks, smoothed, and manured. The entire site was covered with landscaping paper and plastic sheeting, then mulched.

In 2017, the overall design/layout for the garden was determined, and the horticulture class at WMRHS agreed to assist the trustees by providing hands-on work in the garden. Plantings also began in 2017, and new plants have been added each year entirely through donation. Each year winter-killed plants are replaced, and new varieties are introduced to determine whether they will survive in northern NH. In 2019, the rock wall enclosing the garden was completed with entrances left on both the western and northern sides of the garden. A garden bench was added in 2020, providing a scenic viewing spot for both the cemetery and the landscape. A granite bird bath was gifted in 2021, and natural stone steps were created to provide another access.



The trustees have created the following planting options for those who want to remember a loved one in the garden:

Shrub Package(\$100.00)*

- Approved shrub
- Memorial resin plaque
- Routine care
- Examples of approved shrubs:

blueberry bush hibiscus hybrid potentilla
false indigo reblooming lilac hydrangea spirea



Perennial Package (\$75.00)*

- Approved perennial plant
- Memorial resin plaque
- Routine care
- Examples of approved plants:

bleeding heart yarrow

coral bells salvia

coreopsis phlox

iris yucca

liatris speedwell



*Whatever remains following the purchase of the plant and plaque will be deposited into the Park Street Cemetery Remembrance Garden Fund for garden maintenance.

Planting Regulations

Related to plants:

- Plants must be hardy (zones 2 and 3 preferred).
- Plants must tolerate full sun.
- Animal resistant plants are preferred.
- Plants needing a lot of water are not suitable.

- No roses, evergreens, and trees are allowed.
- If an approved plant dies, effort will be made to replace it.

Related to planters:

- A person who purchases a package may do his/her own planting in a specific area designated by the trustees.
- This same person may tend to the planting by doing routine care such as watering, pruning, fertilizing, readying for winter, etc.
- The planting can also be done by a person designated to plant by the trustees.

Markers will be similar to these:



The cemetery trustees thank all those who have donated their assistance, plants, and services to help create the garden.

Anyone wishing to purchase a shrub or perennial package can do so by calling the town office at 603-837-9871.

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Park Street Cemetery Remembrance Garden

Whitefield, NH



Overlooking the cemetery, the garden provides a dedicated area in which the deceased can be remembered with a planting and a marker. The garden offers a place for quiet contemplation, enjoyment of the natural surroundings, and memories of those whom we have lost.