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Guidelines for Establishing a Family Burial Plot

The Conway Board of Health requires the following plan of action regarding the establishment of a family burial plot, located on private property, and for the exclusive use of the property owner(s) and their family:

1. A survey of the plot made by a licensed surveyor, showing the exact location and sizing of the burial plot and nearby property boundaries.
2. A soils evaluation by a Massachusetts DEP Certified Soil Evaluator within the plot boundaries to determine estimated high groundwater elevations, types of soils, depth to bedrock, and location of ledge, large boulders and other possible hindrances. The body in a family burial plot must be covered with at least three (3) feet of soil.
3. An evaluation of setback distances pertaining to wetlands, ponds, rivers, streams, runoff, roads, buildings, private wells and septic systems in the immediate area. Family burial plots must be located more than one-hundred-fifty (150) feet from such location.
4. A description of permanent corner markers, fencing and other plot demarcations and the intentions relative to the perpetual maintenance of the area.

Once the board has the above information in hand, the permitting process would begin:

1. The board will make a final determination.
2. The owner will have the survey of the plot delineation recorded on the deed for the property.
3. The Board of Health will provide written permission to establish the family burial plot.

By vote of the: Board of Health of CONWAY, MA

David I. Chichester, Chair

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