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The following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Kennett Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends in order to preserve and enhance the beauty and antiquity of the building and grounds and assure the permanence of an atmosphere of harmony and quiet dignity.

1. The Old Kennett Committee (the Committee) of the Kennett Monthly Meeting of Friends will formulate, propose, and execute operating policy for the Old Kennett Meetinghouse and Graveyard. All policy so formulated shall have been approved by the Kennett Monthly Meeting.
2. The Committee shall empower its clerk, or, in his or her absence, its assistant clerk to carry out this policy and to act upon the day to day decisions within the scope of the overall graveyard policy.
3. The clerk (or assistant clerk) of the Committee will:
 - (a) Keep all records current of the lot ownerships.
 - (b) Record all interments and other significant events pertaining to the Old Kennett Meeting house grounds and Cemetery.
 - (c) Direct all maintenance operations.
 - (d) Establish permissibility for all interments and locate appropriate burial space as requested.
4. All requests for use of the meetinghouse or grounds must first be approved by the Committee and, secondly, approved by the Kennett Monthly Meeting at its next regular business meeting. However, the meetinghouse may be opened for use when needed to shelter funeral attendees from inclement weather when requested without prior approval of KMM. Absolutely no candles or other sources of ignition are to be used within the meetinghouse.
5. The Committee, through its clerk, shall have the right to enter upon any lot and remove any trees, shrubs, plantings, or any object that, in its opinion, create undue obstacles to proper maintenance, infringement on other lots or access alleys or which, in its opinion, become unsightly and out of harmony with the principles of the Society of Friends. Permission shall be first obtained from the Committee before the installation of any monument, plaque, or fixture other than the burial markers or corner stones as indicated in item 8 below.
6. Family Burial Lots sizes are established at 14 ft. in width by 16 ft. in length. Each Lot contains spaces for 8 graves (42 "x 96"). Individual Burial Lot sizes are 42" x 96". In case of

- cremations, it is permissible to inter two cremains in a single burial space if requested. Single cremation lots are also available. Each grave site may be used for one interment and one cremation burial, or two cremation burials. Graves are not transferable; however, they may be returned to Kennett Friends Meeting for no more than the original price paid. Ownership of graves may be passed to children of the registered owners if Meeting is notified before such transfer of ownership. Certificates should be surrendered and reissued if appropriate. Sales are limited to one plot per family and are not intended for sale to corporations or other non-private entities.
7. Concrete interment cases (vaults) are required for all full-size burials. This requirement is waived in the Green Burial area.
 8. All grave markers shall be installed flush with the ground and not to exceed 288 square inches of surface area. However, in those lots where above ground grave markers currently exist, the gravestone shall be in harmony and not larger than other stones existing on the lot. Sufficient foundations will be required to assure stabilization of all grave markers. Corner markers may be installed flush with the surface of the ground on each corner of the lot being at least 10" in depth and not exceeding 6" on a side. All headstone designs are subject to approval by the Committee.
 9. No artificial flowers or ornaments will be permitted between May 1 and October 31. The Committee reserves the right to remove all artificial flowers, ornaments, water containers, faded or unsightly flowers or plants at any time if it considers them to be detrimental to the general harmony of the cemetery or obstruction to general maintenance.
 10. Absolutely no metal detecting is allowed within the cemetery fence. Metal detecting may be done around the Meetinghouse property if care is taken to refill any holes and replace any grass where holes were dug. Old Kennett Committee reserves the right of ownership to any items found on the property for display with credit given to the finder.
 11. No candles or other ignition sources are ever allowed to be used in Old Kennett Meetinghouse due to the risk of fire.



Old Kennett Meeting House Graveyard Green Burial Area Regulations

Old Kennett Meeting House has an area set aside for green burials, using sustainable and environmentally responsible practices. Green burial regulations in this area are as follows:

1. No embalming with formaldehyde and other chemical preservatives; alternative embalming fluids approved by the green burial council only are permitted. It is suggested that funeral homes familiar with green burial practices be used.
2. Only biodegradable caskets permitted, with no treated wood or metal hardware. Shrouded body interments are permitted using lowering board and straps.
3. All grave markers shall be installed flush with the ground and not to exceed 288 square inches of surface area. Replanting of wildflowers and grasses will be made in the appropriate season. Items placed at gravesite at time of interment will be removed after thirty days.
4. The area of the green burial sites is planted in native grasses and flowers to create a meadow sustaining wildlife. It will be cut in late winter to preserve the meadow garden, allowing spring bird nests and winter insect habitats to be preserved at their most sensitive times. Naturalistic landscaping of large canopy trees, small understory trees and shrubs are planted along the perimeter of the walkway. Planting of native memorial plants at time of interment is permitted.
5. Note: PA Cemetery Law [28 Pa. Code 1.21(b).] requires that buried remains "...be deeper than 2 feet from the natural surface of the ground."

Old Kennett Meetinghouse Graveyard Fee Schedule

Single Burial Space (42" x 96") \$1,200, for Kennett Monthly Meeting Members \$900. Cremation Grave (42" x 48") \$600, for Kennett Monthly Meeting Members, \$450.

Family pre-needing at the same time as an at-need sale will be guaranteed the grave next to at-need property. Both graves must be paid in full at time of purchase. Otherwise lot assignment is made at time of death.

Interment Charge for burial plot \$1,000, \$500 for cremation plot.

Site marking for headstone installation \$100, and monument approval fee \$100.

We respectfully request a donation to the Old Kennett Meetinghouse Preservation Fund of \$100.

Full size grave excavation, vault installment, casket handling, funeral preparation, and other funeral services are not provided by the Old Kennett Committee, and must be arranged through a local funeral home.