

Petersham Cemetery Commission  
Role of the Sexton

The Sexton is caring, compassionate helper for Petersham community members. Their duties include:

- Helping families or individuals to select and purchase a gravesite within our cemeteries
- Marking a gravesite for burial, when a burial is needed
- Locating where markers should be placed, if not already in place (this can happen either prior to the burial, or after the burial, by family or funeral home request)

It's important for the Sexton to be kind and sensitive to people's needs during their time of preparation and bereavement.

Good communication skills are necessary to relate to families and vendors.

For records, the Sexton needs to be detail-oriented and organized to keep accurate records of transactions.

The Sexton is a dedicated and active member of a working team. They attend the monthly Cemetery Commission meetings to support the team and update the Commission about any activity.

There is a stipend paid to the Sexton for each lot sale that is completed and for each burial site that is marked. The current rate is \$50 per service. There is no reimbursement for locating markers. On average, there have been about 10 burials and 5 lot sales per year in Petersham.

Applicants who are kind, team players, good communicators, and dedicated to helping their community, may apply by calling the town office at 978-724-3353. Please supply your name and contact information.