

Policy – Historic 1819 Brookfield Cemetery

Effective January 1, 2015

Due to the uncertainty of the location of unmarked graves in this cemetery, effective January 1, 2015, there will be no full casket burials in the old Brookfield Cemetery. The exception will be for three reserved plots for the spouses of the following individuals: Leonard Chase, Thomas R. Tucker and James Whittemore, Sr.

Cremains burials will be considered on an individual basis according to assumed availability.

Headstones for this cemetery should be no larger than the traditional “Barre Granite” VA flat marker (24” wide, 12” high and 4” thick), the VA white marble upright marker (42” high, 13” wide, 4” thick), or the traditional slant front granite marker measuring 24” wide, 10” high, 6” deep.

The Cemetery Trustees must be notified of any burials with 48 hour notice in writing, and the Trustees must give written approval before any action is taken. The Trustees retain the right to determine who is eligible to dig any grave with power equipment or by hand. Funeral directors must make previous arrangements with the Trustees, and if no funeral director is involved, the family is responsible for making all arrangements with the Trustees. The family and/or funeral director assume responsibility for all expenses.

Any burial in this cemetery requires a residency in Brookfield at some point in the life of the decedent.

Historically, it appears there have never been any burial fees associated with this cemetery. However, donations are encouraged to help provide adequate care and maintenance of this municipal cemetery.

Upon the opening of the new Brookfield Cemetery in 2016, all burials in the historic cemetery will cease with the exception of the few reserved plots indicated in the records of the Trustees.

Brookfield Cemetery Trustees