

**Town of Deerfield, New Hampshire**  
**Purchase Procedure for Town Owned Cemeteries**  
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**Purchase Procedure**

**Old Center Cemetery on Meetinghouse Hill** has space available for purchase. Contact Mark Young, Cemetery Superintendent at 608-8828 to arrange a lot purchase.

Effective February 15, 2023, only Deerfield residents will be permitted to purchase burial plots or niches in Deerfield cemeteries. Exceptions (such as those who have strong ties to the town) will be considered by the Trustees.

**Pricing**

Lot for single (1) grave \$550

One (1) burial or two (2) urns are permitted within each grave lot.

**Site Preparation**

- Minimum advance notice is three (3) days.
- Due to ground conditions, there are **no burials between December 15th and April 15th**. Special exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. The fee is \$400 plus any additional expense incurred by the contractor in opening the grave.
- The Town of Deerfield does not have access to a vault.
- **Initialed cornerstones must be placed on each lot by a qualified monument company within 90 days of lot purchase.** Family stones, headstones, or other permanent grave markers are expected to be placed within 90 days of burial (in season) and conform to cemetery guidelines in facing and direction. Surname will face the front of the lot. Special exceptions may be granted for stones placed in the center of a large lot.

**Monument Companies**

The following list of local monument companies is provided for convenience only. The Town of Deerfield does not recommend or endorse any one particular company. Please contact the companies directly and seek out reviews and information about these and other vendors before making a selection.

- **Marston Custom Engraving**, Northwood (603) 942-8219
- **Hall Monument Company**, Northwood (603) 942-7311
- **LeBlanc Bros Monuments**, Manchester (603) 622-4522
- **Perry Brothers Monument Company**, Concord (603) 225-6721

**Site Maintenance**

All lots and non-lot areas within the cemeteries are maintained by the Town of

Deerfield. Maintenance is limited to raking, mowing, and seeding lots when necessary, including reasonable and practical care of the unsold areas of the cemetery. In no case is the Town responsible to maintain, repair, or replace any memorial, tomb, or mausoleum erected or placed upon a lot, or perform any special or unusual work in the cemetery.

### **Memorials**

The memorial is the sole property and responsibility of the grave owner and/or their heirs/descendants and does not become the property of the Cemetery. The Town and Trustees accept no responsibility or liability for damage caused to any memorial.

It is the responsibility of the grave owner to ensure that the memorial is maintained in a safe condition and does not pose a hazard to the visiting public or cemetery staff. In the unfortunate event of a memorial being found to be unsafe at any time, the Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to take corrective action.

Should your memorial require any maintenance or cleaning, we advise you discuss this with your chosen memorial company.

### **Communication**

Please advise the Trustees of any change of address so that we can update our cemetery records. This is very important should there be a need for future correspondence.