

## **Natural Burial Ground Grave Marker Specifications**

- Grave markers are permitted, but not required.
- The Cemetery has an inventory of stones available for purchase. The current cost of a stone is \$50. Plots may still be marked with stones not purchased from the cemetery; however, those stones must first be preapproved by cemetery staff to ensure compliance to our grave marker specifications. The cemetery will reject and/or remove any markers that have not been preapproved.
- Natural fieldstone, river stone or quarried stone, no more than 24 inches long and no more than four inches thick may be used as a marker. If families choose to source their own stone, we recommend stones that are at least two inches thick to prevent cracking during the freeze/thaw cycle.
- All stones must be indigenous to the Hudson Valley.
- Only one marker per plot, including cremation plots.
- Single plot stones may not exceed 200 square inches.
- In cases where a grave marker is used for two or more adjoining full plots, stones may be larger, but may not exceed 250 square inches. For adjoining cremation plots, stones must still be 200 square inches or less.
- Stones may not be machine cut or polished. Machine-cut stones hand chiseled to look “natural” are not acceptable.
- Stones may be machine engraved, but no dyes, coloring or paints of any kind may be used.
- All markers will be set flush to the ground at the head of the grave by cemetery personnel.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove markers that do not comply.