**Town of South Hero Home Burial Policy**

**Purpose**- Because it is legal in Vermont to bury related family members on home property if not prohibited by local law and South Hero wishes to protect the health of its citizens and protect human remains located on private lands, the Town of South Hero has created the following Home Burial policy.

1. The burial ground boundaries must be 150 feet from a water supply, source or wetland (100 feet from a drilled well) and 25 feet from a power line. (**18 V.S.A. § 5319. 5.**).

1. A minimum lot size of 1 acre is required for a body to be buried on private property with a setback from property lines of at least 50 feet.
2. A map of the burial site must be recorded in the South Hero land records.
3. State laws regarding handling, storage and burial of human remains must be followed. (**18 V.S.A. § 5201)**
4. All pertinent paperwork including a Private Family Burial Ground form must be filed with the town.
5. Burial sites must be clearly identified.

1. The care and maintenance of the burial site is the responsibility of the family and not the responsibility of the Town of South Hero.

**Private Family Burial Grounds Form**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number/email:

Name of deceased:

Address of Burial Ground:

Volume and page of recorded map:

 Signature: Date:

This form must be returned to the South Hero Town Clerk’s Office.

**Approved by**

Signature:

Date: