



Dear Neighbor,

Hall Funeral Home and Tribute Centers has cared for the families of Midcoast Maine for over 59 years with dignity and trust. Hall's is a family owned business, and I am a second generation owner. My great grandparents, Allyn and Estelle (French) Hall are buried in the Village Cemetery, so my family has a connection to the cemetery.

We have continued to evolve our business to meet the needs and wants of the families we have been privileged to serve over the years. The most significant change we have seen over the years has been the increase in families choosing cremation. Twenty five years ago only 30% of the families we served chose cremation versus casketed burials. Now, 70% of the families we serve today choose cremation. As you can see cremation has become a larger, natural extension of the services we provide.

Our proposal is to build a crematory on the grounds of the Village Cemetery in Thomaston. We would lease the property from the town. The lease payments would provide much needed income for the Village Cemetery.

Currently, when any family in Knox or Lincoln County chooses cremation, the family's loved one is transported to the funeral home, cared for 48 hours, and then transported over an hour to a third party crematory where they are cremated.

The crematory in Thomaston will help Hall's give the families of Knox and Lincoln Counties the peace of mind that their loved one will never leave our care.

We are currently working with B&L Cremation Systems in Largo, Florida. B&L has been designing, engineering and manufacturing cremation systems for 35 years. B&L has installed 2000 systems in over 64 countries world-wide. B&L currently has 24 systems in Maine, all approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

The cremation unit will provide a smoke-less, odor-less process. No visible emissions are emitted by the unit. Heat waves are the only visually detectable way to ever know the system is operational. We have been good neighbors in Thomaston since 2004, and will continue that relationship moving forward.

Please feel free to call me at 354-6475 or email at [mhall@hallfuneralhomes.com](mailto:mhall@hallfuneralhomes.com). with any questions.

Sincerely,  


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