

**HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2013**

Meeting began: 4:26PM

Meeting ended: 5:55PM

Attendance:

William Wallace – Chairman
William Bombard - Commission Member
Richard Perry – Commission Member
Matthew Curewitz – Commission Member
Nicole Apostola – Commission Member
Robert C, Antonelli Jr. - Assistant Commissioner
Stephanie Choquette – Principal Clerk

Motion to accept last meeting's minutes: Nicole Apostola
Richard Perry
William Bombard

New Business:

1. Eastern Orthodox Church: Mr. Antonelli received a letter from Mr. Walter Haddad representative of the Council in regards to percentage of grave sizes needed in the future. Would like a total of 1000 graves 60% 2Gr lots and 40% 4Gr lots.
 - a. Need to discuss more in regards to development costs
 - b. Reservation costs : Mr. Perry suggested \$100.0 per grave not lot
 - c. The legalities, timeframe, reservations, fencing (hope Ave) walkway (dell Ave) road designs
2. Friends of Hope Cemetery
 - a. Elaine Pajka: long-term role in regards to genealogy research requests
 - b. Hope Cemetery Administrative staffs preparing new form with Mr. Antonelli Jr. for the requests are becoming quite numerous and need specific guidelines for mail, email and walk –in use. Also, the charges for the first initial documentation request shall be at the cost of \$50.00 per request with additional where needed for more information requested.

- c. Signage: preparing for Memorial Day for the Civil War Burials. The sign near the old gates are still being discussed with Mr. Antonelli Jr. and Mr. Lundquist
 - d. Mr. Lundquist has asked for the participation of a Boy Scout troop to come in April to do some maintenance work on the stone wall that runs down Webster Street. The boy scouts would be removing the vines from the wall which would be great for the cemetery as Spring Cleanup approaches. Mr. Antonelli did approve of this, and we the cemetery personnel are also looking forward to moving on forward on this project.
3. Rules and Regulations: Mr. Bombard would like to know to what extent as a Board they have authorization to change the Rules and regulations, if any. or is this advisory as well.
 4. Columbarium: Nicole Apostola asking for an update, mid- spring seems to be the goal for further design discussion.
 5. Nicole Apostola: in her research of old documents came across old files in regards to:
 - a. Friends Tree Survey
 - b. Worcester Common Burials
 - c. Orthodox Bishop Removal

Meeting Adjourned: 5:55PM

Approved: Mr. Bombard
Mr. Perry
Ms. Apostola

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 5, 2013 at 4:00PM