



HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday November 6, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

Or

If you choose to use the Microsoft Teams platform:

- 1) Go to www.teams.com
- 2) Enter Meeting ID#: 260 973 572 648
- 3) Enter password: UfbZiM

If you choose to attend via phone:

- 1) Call 1-469-998-7682
- 2) Enter Meeting ID#: 397 538 792#

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the May 8, 2023 & June 5, 2023 (Table)
4. To request a reasonable accommodation or interpretation or submit written comments or questions in advance of the meeting, please contact the Hope Cemetery by email at Hopecemetery@worcesterma.gov. Please note that interpretation requests must be received no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Para solicitar una interpretacion razonable, o enviar comentarios o preguntas por escrito por favor comuniquese con la oficina de la Division de Parques, Recreo & Cementerio por correo electronico a Hopecemetery@worcesterma.gov. Por favor note que las solicitudes de interpretacion deberan ser enviadas 48 horas antes de la reunion.
5. Public Participation – Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in person and remote participation at the Hope Cemetery Commission meetings. To partake in the “Public Participation” section of this meeting, you may join us directly within the 50 Officer Manny Familia Way Meeting Room A, follow the information above to join via the Microsoft Teams application or dial the direct line as indicated. If you would like to raise your hand when in the meeting as a call-in user, you may dial *5.

6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)
 7. Old Business
 - a. Garden Cemetery Concepts
 - b. Green Burials
 - c. Overview of the Hope Cemetery Master Plan
 - d. Burial Process Policy
 8. New Business
 - a. 5 Year Capital Plan Discussion
 - b. Request of the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester to speak to the Commission
 9. Date of Next Meeting:
 - December 4, 2023
 - January 8, 2024
 - February 5, 2024
 - March 4, 2024
 - April 8, 2024
 - May 13, 2024
 - June 3, 2024
 8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)
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Islamic Society of Greater Worcester

57 Laurel Street, Worcester MA 01605

(508)-752-4377

Hope Cemetery
119 Webster St,
Worcester, MA 01603

We are requesting an additional increase of 3000 graves to our community. With the added number of refugees and the growing numbers of our community members, we are estimating an increase of 30 to 35 graves a year instead of the projected 10 graves a year.

Thank you for your consideration,

Islamic Society of Greater Worcester
57 Laurel St.
Worcester, MA 01695
President Mohammad Elrefaei
(508) 752-4377

508-335-9896 cell

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President ISGW

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Friends Of Hope Cemetery - Update
 - a. Signage
 - b. Cemetery Plantings
 - c. Events
 - d. Sound System
 - e. Mausoleum
2. Genealogical - NA
3. Compost Site - NA
4. Water System - Update
5. Hope Cemetery Records - NA
6. Perpetual Care Fund – City Treasurer - NA
7. Rules and Regulation Changes - NA
8. Lot Sale Fee Changes - NA
9. Interment & Associated Fees - NA
10. Fiscal Year Budget - NA
11. Fiscal Year Capital Budget - NA
12. Donations - NA
13. Monuments and Mausoleums - NA
 - a. Discussion on new cremation burial options
14. Section Development -
 - a. Section 39 Possible Columbarium NA
 - Location – See Master Plan on the City Web Site
 - RFP
 - Design
 - Timeline
15. Building Rehab - NA
 - a. Barn
 - Reports – Submitted by the Friends of Hope Cemetery (2-10, 2007)
 - Grants
 - Historical Commission
 - Plans of storage
 - b. Admin
16. Condition of Hope – Update
 - a. Sheriff's Community Outreach Program
17. Hope Cemetery Master Plan Approved by City Council 10-10-17
 - a. [City Parks | City of Worcester, MA \(worcesterma.gov\)](#)
18. Misc. -
 - a. Productivity Reports
 - b. Staff
 - c. City Council Orders
 - NA
 - d. Articles
 - e. Other



Eric D. Batista
City Manager

CITY OF WORCESTER

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Attachment for Item # 9.35 G

October 17, 2023

TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I respectfully request City Council's review, deliberation, and adoption of the attached resolution to accept with gratitude Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars and Ninety Nine Cents (\$65,763.99) from the Friends of Hope Cemetery. This donation was received from Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner, Department of Public Works & Parks and is forward for the consideration of your Honorable Body.

This generous donation is to be used to purchase support equipment, maintenance supplies, and services for City of Worcester Hope Cemetery water system.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Friends of Hope Cemetery for their generous gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Batista
City Manager



CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Works and Parks

Jay J. Fink, P.E.
Commissioner of Public
Works and Parks

To: Eric D. Batista, City Manager
From: Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner of Public Works and Parks
Date: October 6, 2023
Re: Finance Request

Attached please find a resolution to accept with gratitude a donation for Hope Cemetery from the Friends of Hope Cemetery Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$65,763.99). This resolution is forward for your consideration and approval for submission to City Council.

This donation is the remaining balance from the Friend's fundraising efforts for the City's Hope Cemetery Water Construction Project. This funding will be used to support maintenance & upgrades of the water system. At the request of the Friends of Hope Cemetery this donation will be used solely to purchase support equipment, maintenance supplies, and services for the water system at Hope Cemetery.

As per the resolution, I respectfully request the City Treasurer, under the direction of the City Manager, be authorized to accept and appropriate these funds into Account # GFT-1227 Hope Cemetery Donations.

Sincerely,

Jay J. Fink, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Parks

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE A DONATION OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS (\$65,763.99) FROM THE FRIENDS OF HOPE CEMETERY TO BENEFIT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS HOPE CEMETERY

WHEREAS: The City of Worcester, through the Department of Public Works and Parks, completed renovations in partnership with the Friends of Hope Cemetery to the water system at Hope Cemetery; and

WHEREAS: The Friends of Hope Cemetery, in appreciation of the city and the Department of Public Works and Parks; Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Divisions cooperation during the water system renovation project, graciously offered to donate \$65,763.99 to the Division to purchase support equipment, maintenance supplies, and services for the water system at Hope Cemetery; and

WHEREAS: The Department has a definitive and unbudgeted need for support equipment, maintenance supplies, and services to support the water system at Hope Cemetery; and

WHEREAS: This donation shall allow the Department to purchase support equipment, maintenance supplies, and services to support maintenance & upgrades to the water system at Hope Cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to accept this donation of Sixty-five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars And Ninety-Nine Cents (\$65,763.99) for the purchase of support equipment, maintenance supplies, and services for the Department of Public Works and Parks Hope Cemetery.
2. That the City Treasurer, under the direction of the City Manager, be and is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate these funds into DPW&P Account # GFT-1227 – Hope Cemetery Donations.
3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this gift to be administered by the Department of Public Works and Parks.

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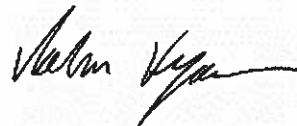
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In City Council

October 17, 2023

Resolution adopted by a yea and nay vote of Nine Yeas and No Nays



A Copy. Attest:

**Nikolin Vangjeli
City Clerk**