



HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday December 4, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the May 8, 2023, June 5, 2023 & November 6, 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. Overview of the Hope Cemetery Master Plan
 - b. 5 Year Capital Plan Discussion
8. New Business
 - a. Request of Yanyiah Pearson to speak to the Commission on Bethany Veney.
 - b. Request of Commissioner Curewitz to discuss the following: as part of a 5-year Capital Plan
 - i. Barn & Maintenance area
 - ii. Fence replacement
 - c. Request of Commissioner Faucher to discuss a subcommittee to address the following
 - i. Barn replacement / renovation
 - ii. Investigate funding sources
 - iii. Identify storage needs
 - iv. Identify steps & timeframes
 - v. Develop/ identify interim storage of cemetery equipment
 - vi. Investigate the cost and potential location of a smaller columbarium & cremation garden prior to development of future sections
 - vii. Hope Ave fence repair / replacement
 - viii. Investigate ideas to beautify the Hope Ave side of the Cemetery
 - ix. Clean up along the fence line and remove fallen trees
 - x. Investigate use of volunteer labor
9. Date of Next Meeting:
 - January 8, 2024
 - February 5, 2024
 - March 4, 2024
 - April 8, 2024
 - May 13, 2024
 - June 3, 2024

8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)

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 - NA
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

