

**CITY OF WORCESTER**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**  
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**HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING**

**11-6-2018**

**Meeting began: 4:13PM**

**Meeting ended: 5:03PM**

**Attendance:**

William Wallace - Chairman  
Nicole Apostola - Commission Member  
Matthew Curewitz - Commission Member  
John Deedy - Commission Member  
Robert C Antonelli Jr - Assistant Commissioner  
Stephanie Choquette - Staff Assistant II

**Approval of last meeting's minutes:**

Matthew Curewitz  
Nicole Apostola

**New Business:**

1. Islamic Society
  - a. Letter requesting to change the foot markers on the gravesites to the head. The request was approved in recognizing due to the length of the gravesite the markers will actually be located on top of the head of the deceased. Upon developing the other gravesites there will be extra length so that it does not actually lie on the head.
  - b. Approval for the amount of 50 graves to be developed for the Islamic Society will be moving forward.
  - c. Question in regards to a previous burial in 82B (husband) the wife would like to be buried next to him, unfortunately this is not able to be done for there is already a burial next to this individual. Options are doing a removal and place him in the same row and buy the single grave next to him or when the new section develops try to get as close to the spot across from him in the Spring.
2. Friends of Hope Cemetery
  - a. Discussing to set up an Interpretive marker near the old chapel location which is section 39
  - b. Discussing Winter programs
  - c. Houghton Mausoleum getting quotes in regards to get the building pointed
  - d. Chapel shades have been placed, wonderful addition to the room, thank you FHC

3. Water System
  - a. All repairs have been completed
  - b. The water will be shut off 11-16-2018
  - c. Working with the Law Department in regards to the legalities facing the manufacturer for the defective products, a full review is being done also in what the cost was for the fixing of the issues
  - d. Approximately \$10,000.00 of work was done
4. Digitizing Presentations for Meeting December 4, 2018
  - a. City clerk and the Library will be in attendance
  - b. A representative from the Friends of Hope Cemetery is requested
5. Rules and Regulations : approval by Matthew Curewitz and John Deedy
  - a. Interment Fees: approval by Nicole Apostola, John Deedy, and Matthew Curewitz
  - b. Lot Fees: approval by Nicole Apostola and Matthew Curewitz
  - c. Arrangement Calls by Funeral Homes: approval by Nicole Apostola and Matthew Curewitz
  - d. Review the policy in regards to SS #s and how that will be adjacent to the new cemetery software system
6. Fiscal 2019 is moving forward
7. Capital Budget – hoping for more funding increase / new equipment has arrived
8. Barn: still in discussion as well being discussed with Preservation Worcester
9. Leaf Pickup – half way completed
10. Expansion
  - a. The bid was awarded and construction has begun / removal of trees
  - b. Areas 1 and 5: security cameras and lighting /front gates
  - c. New fencing on Hope Avenue, only where the new construction is taking place
  - d. The stone wall at the maintenance building will be repaired
  - e. Maintenance area the new storage area will begin cleanup
  - f. New York Street entrance – security camera and lighting
  - g. More roadway work will be done
  - h. Will continue excavating until the ground freezes
11. Digitizing hopefully will proceed in January 2019

### **Old Business:**

1. Stephen Earl Fence: William Wallace questioning the process
  - a. The fence will not be replaced
  - b. Lead paint, to safely remove and repair, posts need new bases tops and reset
  - c. To be placed as full pieces
  - d. Need funding , possible Fiscal Year 2020
  - e. Fence is on the National register

**Meeting adjourned: 5:03PM**

Matthew Curewitz  
Nicole Apostola

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*"Pride In Our Parks"*

**Next meeting: January 8, 2019 at 4:00PM location Hope Cemetery Administrative Office**