



HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday April 8, 2024 – 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 December 4, 2023 (Table) & February 12, 2024 (Roll Call)
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. 5 Year Capital Plan Discussion
 8. New Business:

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 - a. NA
 9. Date of Next Meeting:
 - May 6, 2024
 - June 10, 2024 (New Date)
 8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)
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HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING **MINUTES**

Monday February 12, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.
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1. Call to Order at 4:02 PM
2. Attendance (Roll Call) 5 Commissioners were present:
 - a. Matthew Curewitz
 - b. John Deedy
 - c. Christopher Faucher
 - d. Fatima Idris
 - e. Andrew Lizotte (Arrived at 4:10 PM)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the December 4, 2023 (Table) & January 8, 2024 (Roll Call)
 - a. December 4, 2023, minutes were tabled.
 - b. Commissioner Faucher made a motion to accept the minutes for January 8, 2024. Second by Commissioner Deedy. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
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6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)
7. Old Business
 - a. Overview of the Hope Cemetery Master Plan-
 - i. Commissioner Curewitz requested this item be removed from old business as there hasn’t been any new discussions on it.
 - b. 5 Year Capital Plan Discussion
 - i. Assistant Commissioner Antonelli requested this be kept on the agenda for discussion at a later time.
8. New Business:

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 - a. Assistant Commissioner Antonelli explained why this item has been added to the agenda.
9. Date of Next Meeting:
 - March 4, 2024
 - April 8, 2024
 - May 6, 2024 (New Date)
 - June 3, 2024
10. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call) – 4:31 PM
 - a. Commissioner Deedy made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Lizotte. All were in favor. Motion was approved 5 – 0.

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 - Update
 - a. Barn
 - Reports – Submitted by the Friends of Hope Cemetery (2-10-2007)
 - Grants
 - Historical Commission
 - Plans of storage
 - Deborah Packard from Preservation Worcester spoke about the Barn and their desire to have the barn restored, and have it used in a different way, rather than demolishing it as barn structure becoming nonexistent.
 - 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. -
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 - b. Staff
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