

## **HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

**Meeting began: 4:14PM**

**Meeting ended: 5:17PM**

### **Attendance:**

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| William Wallace       | – Chairman               |
| Richard Perry         | – Commission Member      |
| Matthew Curewitz      | – Commission Member      |
| Nicole Apostola       | – Commission Member      |
| Robert C Antonelli Jr | – Assistant Commissioner |
| Stephanie Choquette   | -Staff Assistant II      |

### **Last Meeting's minutes accepted:**

Richard Perry –Yes  
Matthew Curewitz – Yes  
Nicole Apostola - Yes

**New Business:**

1. Friends of Hope Cemetery: meeting on September 12, 2016. Suggestion would be to invite the new president Jan Parent to A Hope Cemetery Board meeting so that all members could meet with her.
2. Water System: was in use almost a full season but due to water conservation this will cause an earlier shut-off
  - a. Old faucets will be replaced with new ones
  - b. Some issues in regards to the handles of the faucets, spoken to contractor they will be replaced
  - c. The faucets are under warranty if there should be any other issues
  - d. The department is responsible for winterizing
  - e. Anticipate the final sign off will be in the Fall
3. City of Worcester Diversity Program
  - a. Board members will need to attend a diversity class as well as city employees
  - b. Training classes will be required
4. Lynda Hixon – Worcester State College (Soldier Book)
  - a. Images of America of Hope Cemetery
  - b. Will need access to some records
  - c. Will contact her in Fall 2017 to proceed for future book
5. Central Mass Striders: would like to know what the procedure would be to set up a running event in the cemetery (on a Saturday); that would involve filling out a park permit and then getting approval from Mr. Antonelli the Assistant Commissioner.
6. Hope Cemetery Staffing: there will be 1 new laborer position being filled in late November.
7. Fiscal Year 16 is now closed and 17 has begun
8. Capital Budget: new backhoe and a pickup truck
9. Master Plan ; set up times with participating groups and consultants

**Old Business:**

1. Nixon Gates: Aqua line Utility will be doing the work
  - a. Cost of repairs not including the design approximately 27,000.00
  - b. The project is being rewritten by Mr. Antonelli to include the correct mortar (color-consistency)
  - c. Archway – more intricate detail work needed
2. Fencing on Webster Street damaged by vehicle on Memorial Day weekend
  - a. Going thru the driver's insurance company / they wanted to replace / city refused that option and wants it redone.
3. The city will be contacting Bartlett on this issue

4. Mausoleums: the remains returned on 9-2-2016
  - a. Family- Houghton was notified by the police / cemetery will receive a report at a later date
  - b. Grave robber next court appearance will be January 9, 2017
  - c. Norcross: Mr. Antonelli notified the family
  - d. Friends of Hope Cemetery in the process of getting bids for the repairs of the Norcross Mausoleum
5. The Barn: questioning if Preservation Worcester will be an issue
  - a. Mr. Curewitz and Mr. Perry have concerns in regards to its stability
  - b. Safety issues for personnel and equipment
  - c. Vandalism issues / fire safety etc.

**Meeting to adjourn:**

Nicole Apostola - yes

Matthew Curewitz -yes

Richard Perry - yes

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