

HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Meeting began: 4:12PM

Meeting ended: 4:56PM

Attendance:

William Wallace – Commission Chairman
William Bombard – Commission Member
Richard Perry – Commission Member
Matthew Curewitz – Commission Member
Nicole Apostola – Commission Member
Robert C. Antonelli Jr. – Assistant Commissioner

Approved last meeting's minutes: Nicole Apostola
William Bombard
Matthew Curewitz

Meeting called to order: William Wallace

Old Business:

1. Friends of Hope Cemetery
 - a) President of Friends of Hope Cemetery was not happy with the response of a letter sent to Commissioner Moylan in regards to the water issue. There was discussion among the members of the Friends of Hope in regards if they wanted to pursue this endeavor, and it was voted on 6 to 5 in favor to continue to work with the Administration of DPW – Parks.

- b) A set meeting is to be held with new appointed Commissioner Mr. Moosey, Mr. Antonelli Jr, Mr. Wallace, and Ms. Nelson at 20 East Worcester Street at 10:00AM on 2-14-2014. This meeting is to discuss and clarify any questions in regards to the water issue.
- c) Friends of Hope Cemetery are planning on placing another marker in the civil war area, committee is being led by a Mr. James Christo
- d) On March 16, 2014 at 3:00PM at the Worcester Historical museum there will be a lecture on Thayer. Mr. Anderson will also speak at this event
- e) Mr. Lundquist has made his tree selection for Spring
- f) MS. Nelson has approached the subject of using the Hope Administrative Building at no charge to the Friends of hope Cemetery events. The suggestion has been denied due to the fact that all municipal facility charge a cost for their use by any organization.

Motion made: William Bombard

**To support and continue the policy for fees where all organizations are required to pay for the use of Hope Cemetery facilities. This is also to keep consistency in managing the policies and costs.

Approved: Nicole Apostola
 William Bombard
 William Wallace

- 2. Fiscal / Capital Budget 2014 & 2015
 - a) It is in the process of being discussed
- 3. Staffing; Hoping to increase personnel but it will be determined by the money available and also for equipment
- 4. Barn: the barn is a secondary priority to the water system, but it is a separate component in the budget
- 5. Columbarium: hoping to have all prepared and set up for the Fall of 2014
- 6. Facility Fund – Governor’s Fund? Could be a grant for funding possibly a project for Friends of Hope Cemetery (planning process)
- 7. Miscellaneous
 - a) Re-appointments are all set in regards to Board members
 - b) Monuments and mausoleums: checking during the year for damage, vandalism, etc.
 - c) Section 99 possible return to the size of monument in question to return for more discussion.
 - d) Front Gate: it is in the column itself need to determine what can actually be done to remove it
 - e) Cemetery gates to be closed at night? Need access for police, a staffing issue, and also time.

New Business:

1. Water project: Mr. Antonelli Jr. asking members to take a ride around the cemetery and look at the street signs on the posts.
 - a) Proposing sign post for streets, sections, and water locations. Such as designs, colors make it a universal system. Again, this would not get done all at once, it is a process.

Motion to adjourn: William Bombard
Nicole Apostola
Richard Perry

Meeting ended: 4:56 PM

Next Meeting: March 4, 2014 at 4:00PM