



## HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday September 11, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.  
Hope Cemetery Administration Building  
119A Webster Street Worcester, MA 01603

Or

**If you choose to use the Microsoft Teams platform:**

- 1) Go to [www.teams.com](http://www.teams.com)
- 2) Enter Meeting ID#: 287 567 240 346
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- 1) Call 1-469-998-7682
- 2) Enter Meeting ID#: 716 711 178#

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the May 8, 2023 & June 5, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 119A Webster Street, 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. Garden Cemetery Concepts
- b. Green Burials
- c. Overview of the Hope Cemetery Master Plan
- d. Burial Process Policy

8. New Business

- a. 5 Year Capital Plan Discussion
- b. Request of the Islamic Society of Greater Worcester to speak to the Commission

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- September 25, 2023 (New Date)
- November 6, 2023
- December 4, 2023
- January 8, 2024
- February 5, 2024
- March 4, 2024
- April 8, 2024
- May 13, 2024
- June 3, 2024

8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)

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***Islamic Society of Greater Worcester***

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Hope Cemetery  
119 Webster St,  
Worcester, MA 01603

We are requesting an additional increase of 3000 graves to our community. With the added number of refugees and the growing numbers of our community members, we are estimating an increase of 30 to 35 graves a year instead of the projected 10 graves a year.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Islamic Society of Greater Worcester**  
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## 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 - Update
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 \(worcesterma.gov\)](http://www.worcesterma.gov)
18. Misc. -
  - a. Productivity Reports
  - b. Staff
  - c. City Council Orders
    - NA
  - d. Articles
  - e. Other