



HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday January 13, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office
Meeting Room A
50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

Or

If you choose to use the Microsoft Teams platform:

- 1) Go to www.teams.com
- 2) Enter Meeting ID#: 291 705 029 245
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If you choose to attend via phone:

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If technological problems interrupt the virtual meeting component, the meeting will continue in-person.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the September 9, 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
 - b. Budget Discussion
 - c. Discussion on Barn Project
 - d. Explanation of Perpetual Care & Endowed Lots.
 8. New Business:

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 - a. Request of Commissioner Curewitz and Commissioner Faucher to discuss and prioritize the Hope Cemetery Capital Infrastructure and Rehab projects for FY2026.
 9. Tabled Items:
 - a. NA
 10. Tentative Date of Next Meeting:
 - February 3, 2025
 - March 3, 2025
 - March 24, 2025
 - May 5, 2025
 - June 9, 2025
 8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)
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1. Call to Order at 4:13PM
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
Mr Curewitz – yes
Mr. Faucher – yes
Mr. Deedy – yes
Mr. Lizotte – yes
Mrs. Idris – yes
Mr. Antonelli -yes
Ms. Choquette -yes
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the (Roll Call)
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Mr. Deedy -yes
Mrs. Idris -yes
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- a. Green Burial options in Worcester – hoping for a presentation for the December meeting
- b. Magarian Monument in Section 108 was hit by a vehicle. Family will be moving forward with the insurance company.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- October 7, 2024
- November 4, 2024
- December 2, 2024
- January 13, 2025
- February 3, 2025
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10. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call) 4:39PM

Mr Faucher -yes
Mr Curewitz-yes
Mr Deedy - yes

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. Friends Of Hope Cemetery - Jan Parent: having company exhuming headstones located in the front of the office.
 - a. Signage _ additional signage being looked into for more historical information
 - b. Cemetery Plantings
 - c. Events
 - d. Sound System
 - e. Mausoleum – Norcross Mausoleum has a leak will be getting that fixed
2. Genealogical - NA
3. Compost Site - NA
4. Water System - NA
5. Hope Cemetery Records – Mr Faucher asking regarding records being digitized. Mr. Antonelli stated that the cemetery will be reviewing other system options for the cemetery records, for the old one is inadequate for future implementations of records. Hoping to move forward in January with other companies.
6. Perpetual Care Fund – City Treasurer - Update
7. Rules and Regulation Changes - NA
8. Lot Sale Fee Changes - NA
9. Interment & Associated Fees - NA
10. Fiscal Year Budget - Approved
11. Fiscal Year Capital Budget -looking into purchasing new software system and a garbage packer
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 – invite the City Manager, councilors to review the barn
 - 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 – The fence was hit again, unfortunately there is no report for it was a hit and run situation
 - 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. -
 - a. Productivity Reports
 - b. Staff
 - c. City Council Orders
 - NA
 - d. Articles

e. Other

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