

HOUSE No. 1203

Bill accompanying the petition of Henry C. Alvord and others for the incorporation of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association. Mercantile Affairs. February 6.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

AN ACT

To incorporate Mount Hope Cemetery Association with Authority to Maintain the Cemetery in the South Weymouth District of the Town of Weymouth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Henry C. Alvord, Bradford Hawes, Bates
2 Torrey, Joseph E. Gardner, Oswald Ralph, Arthur C.
3 Heald, Clarence W. Fearing, Alfred O. Crawford, William
4 W. Pratt, Alonzo M. Newbert, George R. Fellers, George
5 H. Shaw and Walter L. Bates, their associates and
6 successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name
7 of Mount Hope Cemetery Association, for the purpose
8 of acquiring additional land when necessary, maintaining
9 and improving the cemetery in South Weymouth, known
10 as Mount Hope Cemetery, with all the powers and
11 privileges and subject to all the General Laws now or
12 hereafter in force applicable to cemetery corporations.

1 SECTION 2. That said corporation is hereby authorized
2 to take by right of eminent domain or to acquire by
3 purchase, bequest or otherwise, land adjoining said
4 burial grounds as may be required from time to time and
5 that may become necessary for purposes of its use.

1 SECTION 3. All persons now or hereafter holding lots
2 or any interest in lots in said cemetery may become
3 members of the corporation on application to the sec-
4 retary, and when any person shall cease to be the pro-
5 prietor of a lot, or of an interest in a lot, in the lands of
6 the corporation he shall cease to be a member thereof.

1 SECTION 4. The net proceeds of sales of lots in the
2 lands held by said corporation, and any bequests made
3 to it, shall be applied to the preservation, improvement,
4 embellishment, protection or enlargement of said ceme-
5 tery, and to paying the incidental expenses thereof, and
6 to no other purpose, except in a case or cases where
7 special bequests are made in which case or cases said
8 corporation is hereby empowered to make expenditures
9 in accordance with such bequests.

1 SECTION 5. Said corporation is hereby authorized to
2 take and hold any grant, gift or bequest of property,
3 upon trust, and to apply the same, or the income thereof,
4 to the improvement, embellishment, protection or en-
5 largement of said cemetery, or of any lot therein, or for
6 the erection, repair, preservation or removal of any
7 monument, fence or other structure therein, or for the
8 planting or cultivation of trees, shrubs or plants in or
9 around any lot, or for improving said premises in any
10 manner consistent with the object of the corporation,
11 according to the terms of such grant or bequest.

1 SECTION 6. The said corporation may by its by-laws
2 provide for such officers as may be necessary, and may
3 define their powers and duties, and may also provide for
4 the care and management of the cemetery and for the
5 sale of lots therein, and for the proper execution and
6 delivery of all instruments of conveyance and the officer
7 or officers empowered to execute the same, and for the
8 management of any funds which the corporation may
9 hold, and for all investments thereof, and for any other
10 matters incident to the purposes of the corporation.

1 SECTION 7. The said corporation is authorized to
2 direct and control all interments in the said cemetery;
3 to grant the exclusive right of burial in any lot therein
4 under such pecuniary conditions and other regulations
5 as may seem to be for the best interests of the cemetery;
6 to receive and collect funds, and to expend the same, for
7 the general purposes of the cemetery; to receive and
8 collect funds for the perpetual care of the grounds or any
9 part thereof, and to hold and invest the same, and to
10 expend the income thereof for the purposes specified;
11 and to do all other things which may be necessary or
12 expedient for the care and improvement of said cemetery;
13 to lay conduits and pipes and to connect the same for
14 necessary supply of water for the cemetery or any part
15 thereof, and to make such changes in the plans of lots,
16 walks and roads as shall seem fitting and best for the
17 purposes for which the cemetery is used, and that said
18 corporation shall have full power and authority in it
19 vested to make such changes, alterations, and improve-
20 ments as shall seem fit and proper from time to time
21 consistent with the laws of this commonwealth.

1 SECTION 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized and

2 empowered to erect tombs, monuments or cenotaphs
3 upon any lot and of ornamenting the same, upon such
4 terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as
5 it shall prescribe. And said corporation may cremate
6 bodies of the dead, and may provide the necessary
7 buildings and appliances therefor and for the disposition
8 of the ashes thereof on any land within its cemetery
9 which the state board of health determines is suitable
10 for that purpose, and such buildings and appliances shall
11 be a part of the cemetery and be dedicated to the burial
12 of the dead, and shall be held by said corporation subject
13 to the duties, and with the privileges and immunities
14 which such corporations now have under General or
15 Special Laws.

1 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.