

Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

**City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
Northampton, MA**

Meeting Date: January 21, 2016

Note: The Committee on Finance Meeting will take place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:05 pm.

- 1. Meeting Called To Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Elect A Committee Chair**
- 4. Financial Orders**
 - A. 16.003 - Ordinance To Delete Fees From Chapter 174 Of City Code Book**

Documents: [16.003_ordinance-pertaining_to_fees-delete_chapter_174_from_code_book_aos-refer.pdf](#)
 - B. 16.004 A Financial Order To Provide Funding For Extraordinary Maintenance At The NPS Grounds Maintenance Shop**

Documents: [16.004_prospect_street_gift_fund-2547_nps_ground_maintenance_shop.pdf](#)
 - C. 16.006 Financial Order To Purchase Or Otherwise Acquire Any Fee, Easement, And/Or Any Other Interest In Land Off Old Ferry Road For \$30,000**

Documents: [16.006_johnbobala--sheldonfield.pdf](#)
 - D. 16.007 Financial Order Authorizing The Conservation Commission To Purchase Or Acquire An Agricultural Preservation Restriction On 0.85 Acres Of Farmland On Island Road For \$1,000**

Documents: [16.007_clarkorder_tocitycouncil.pdf](#)
 - E. 16.008 Financial Order Allowing The Mayor To Accept Grants From The Exec. Office Of Energy And Environmental Affairs**

Documents: [16.008_lwcf_connecticut_river_greenway.pdf](#)
 - F. 16.009 Financial Order Authorizing The Conservation Commission To Purchase Or Otherwise Acquire Any Fee, Easement, And/Or Any Other Interest In 3.1 +/- Acres Of Land Located On Venturers Field Road**

Documents: [16.009_venturersfieldroad_legislative_petition.pdf](#)

G. 16.011 - 16.017 Financial Orders Allowing The Use Of CPA Funds For Various Projects

Projects Recommended for Funding:

Connecticut River Greenway Park, Northampton Youth and Community Rowing \$5,000

This project will fund an entrance gate and signage for the new Connecticut River Greenway Park. Construction at the Park is nearing completion, and the new gate and entrance signage will increase public awareness of this new riverfront resource and allow users easier access.

Rocky Hill Connector Open Space Acquisition, Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability \$55,000

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Pulaski Park Renovation, Department of Public Works, \$200,000

CPA funds will be used to continue work to renovate Pulaski Park. This round of funding will be used to continue work to bury overhead electric, telephone, cable and fiber optic utilities that was required as part of the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant

Seth Thomas Clock Restoration, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability \$30,000

CPA funds will be used to completely restore the historic Seth Thomas Clock that was formerly located on the corner of Main Street and Strong Avenue. Dedicated by Calvin Coolidge, the clock was a downtown fixture for one hundred years. CPA funds were previously awarded for purchase and storage of the clock; when restored, it will be placed at the entrance to the newly-renovated Pulaski Park.

Fitzgerald Lake Boardwalk and Dock, Broad Brook Coalition, \$30,000

CPA Funds will be used to replace the bridge, boardwalk and dock that provide access to Fitzgerald Lake from the main parking area on North Farms Road. In addition to volunteer work from Broad Brook Coalition, the City's management partner for the Broad Brook Greenway, the project will also match a \$50,000 federal Recreational Trails Grant.

Historic Northampton Infrastructure Renovations, Historic Northampton: \$131,310

CPA funds will be used to continue priority rehabilitation work to allow the museum to secure its collections and buildings. This award will allow important electrical work, and roof and window replacement at the Damon and Shepherd Houses.

Mineral Hills Habitat Project, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability, \$3,000

CPA funds will be used to remove invasive species and create habitat for endangered turtles at a ten-acre section of the Mineral Hills. Acquired by the City in 2012, this area is a former pasture, and undertaking this work to maintain the historic open field was identified as a priority in Laurie Sanders' 'Rediscovering Northampton 2015'

Documents: [16.011-16.017_recommendationcoverletter.pdf](#),
[16.011_flca_boardwalk.pdf](#), [16.012_seththomasclock.pdf](#),
[16.013_pulaskiparkrenovation.pdf](#), [16.014_mineral_hills_habitat.pdf](#),

[16.015_historic_northampton.pdf](#), [16.016_ctrivergreenway.pdf](#),
[16.017_zewskiacquisition.pdf](#)

H. 16.019 An Order Authorizing The Expansion Of Pulaski Park In Accordance With M.G.L. C. 45 § 3 And The Submission Of Certain Land To The Provisions Of Amendment Article 97 Of The Massachusetts Constitutions And The Provisions

Documents: [16.019_pulaskipark-expansion-art97.pdf](#)

I. 16.020 Financial Order For Leeds School Roof Repair

Documents: [16.020_leedsschoolroof-msba.pdf](#)

J. 16.021 Financial Order For Bridge Street School Roof Repair

Documents: [16.021-bridgestreetschoolroofrepair-msba.pdf](#)

5. New Business

-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

6. Adjourn

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City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In the Year Two thousand sixteen

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

16.003

AN ORDINANCE

To delete fees from Chapter 174 of Code Book

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising § Chapter 174 of said Code; providing that Fees.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in city Council assembled, as follows:

Section 1: that § Chapter 174 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

Section §Chapter 174

Delete

Chapter 174 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following wording:

Reserved: see fee schedule on www.northamptonma.gov

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council January 21, 2016

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

O-16.004
An Order

To provide funding for extraordinary maintenance
at the NPS Grounds Maintenance Shop

Ordered, that

City Council appropriate \$16,000 from Gift Fund 2547 – 265 Prospect Street Gift Fund, for the purposes of providing funds for extraordinary maintenance needed at the Northampton Public Schools Grounds Maintenance Shop located at 265 Prospect Street. Such funds shall be used for repairs including asbestos abatement and removal of the old furnace system, installation of new ceiling mounted heating units, site work related to drainage, and a new overhead garage door to improve energy efficiency.

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, the Office of Planning and Sustainability, and the Department of Parks and Recreation

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation and Multi-Use Plan: 2011-2018* recommends **expanding Sheldon Field Recreation Area**;

WHEREAS, John J. and Karen A. Bobala have offered to sell 4.5± acres **off Old Ferry Road** near the northerly end of Sheldon Field Recreation Area (Map ID 25-063) for **\$30,000**;

WHEREAS, The land is currently farmed and will remain in farmland for until needed for recreation;

WHEREAS, All funds will be drawn from CPA funds, community contributions and grants. No general fund appropriation is requested or required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the City of Northampton, through its Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement, and/or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land, including land between the above land and the existing Sheldon Field, provided however that the city reserves right to lease the land for farming not therefore subject to Article 97;

The Mayor is authorized to grant a conservation restriction (per M.G.L. C.184, Section 31) on said land;

The City Council finds the right to farm the land surplus to city needs and authorizes the Mayor to lease the land for farming purposes for terms of up to eighteen years.



City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Conservation Commission and the Office of Planning and Sustainability

WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2011-2018* recommends preserving privately owned farmland with agriculture preservation restrictions to permanently preserve farmland and provide food security;

WHEREAS, On August 13, 2015, City Council authorized the purchase of an Agriculture Preservation Restriction (under MGL Chapter 184, Section 31) on 0.85± acres of farmland on Island Road (Map ID 46-025) for have agreed to sell an agriculture preservation restriction on their property for \$1,000;

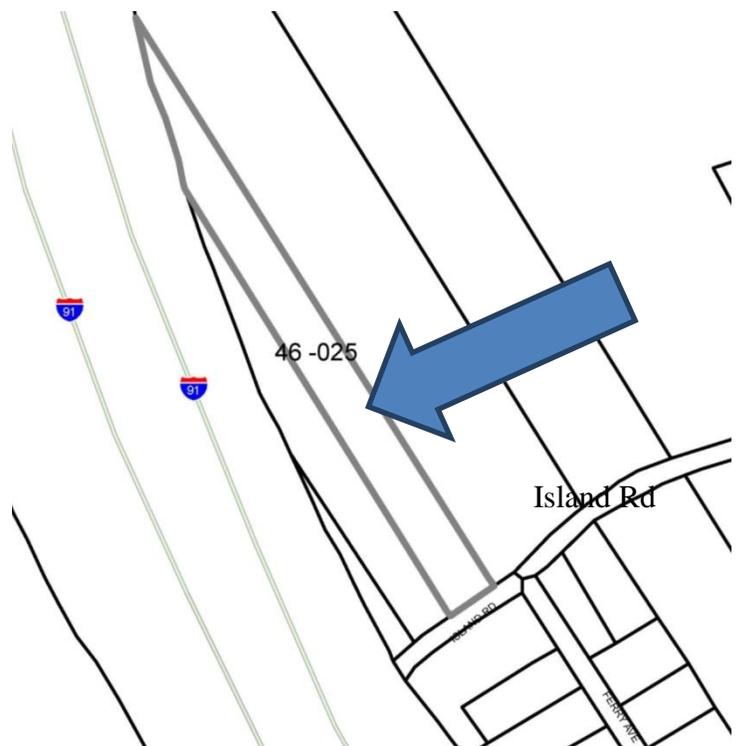
WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources state has declined to approve the Restriction because they only sign Restrictions on larger parcelsion Commission and Agriculture Commission support a local agriculture preservation restriction program for property owners who want to participate to preserve farmland;

WHEREAS, The City is prepared to proceed as a local Agriculture Preservation Restriction that does not require state approval;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire an agriculture preservation restriction in the above land and any immediately adjoining land; and that the City Council hereby accepts such restriction;

Further that any grants or donations, shall be used to reimburse open space funds used for the purchase.



City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David Narkewicz, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Planning and Sustainability

Ordered, that

Whereas: The **Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Plan: 2011-2018** recommends expanding the Connecticut River Greenway, including a Connecticut River Boathouse; and

Whereas: With state grants, CPA funds and private contributions, the Connecticut River Greenway riverfront park has been developed into a 6.5 acre facility that provides riverfront access and includes a boathouse.

Whereas: The Greenway Park is dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and

Whereas: Additional improvements are necessary to complete buildout of the Park; and

Whereas: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (P.L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897); and

Whereas: The next phase of the Connecticut River Greenway riverfront park will cost a total of \$200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) and the City has set aside \$200,000 of funds through a combination of Community Preservation Act funds and funds from other grants and community donations..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED

1. That the Mayor and the Director of Planning and Sustainability are hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and
2. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Office of Planning and Sustainability

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, the Office of Planning and Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation and Multi-Use Plan: 2011-2018* recommends **preserving farmland and conservation areas to serve urban neighborhoods;**

WHEREAS, The state owns 3.1± acres of the former Union Street jail farmland on Venturers Field Road (Map ID 32-051) adjacent to the City’s Meadows Conservation Area and containing some prime farmland, although the farmland has not been used by the state since the Union Street jail closed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the City of Northampton, through its Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement, and/or any other interest in the above land should the state make it available, provided however that the city reserves the right to lease farmland on the site not therefore subject to Article 97;

That the Mayor is authorized to grant a conservation restriction or agriculture preservation restriction (per M.gG.L. C.184, Section 31) on said land;

That the City Council finds the right to farm the land surplus to city needs and authorizes the Mayor to lease the land for farming purposes for terms of up to twenty years

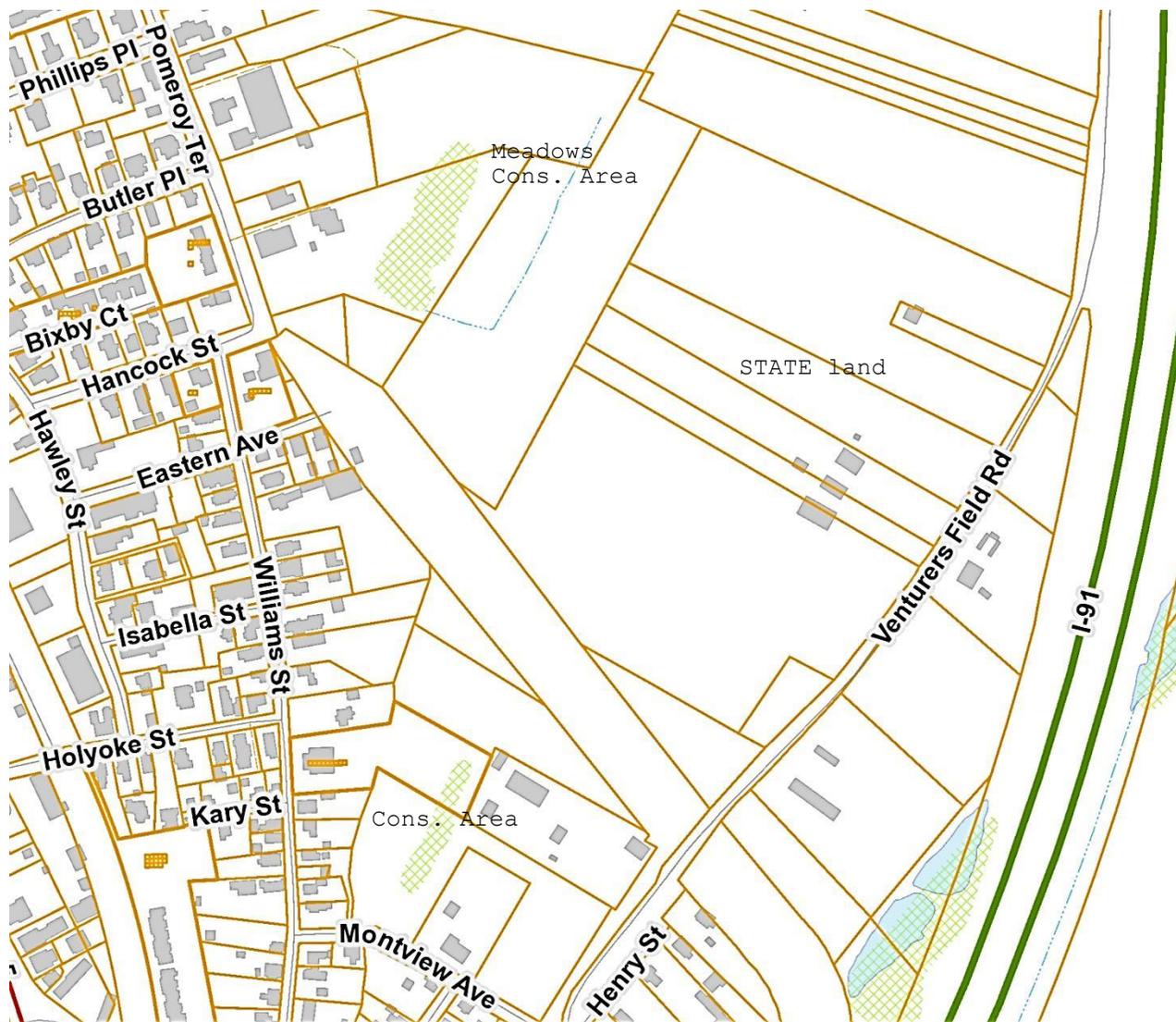
Further, the City requests and petitions that our legislative delegations file legislation substantially as follows:

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance may sell, or otherwise grant, convey or transfer to the city of Northampton, under the care and custody of the conservation commission, that certain parcel of land located in said city shown as “Locus: 32-051, N/F Commonwealth of Massachusetts(Inhabitants of Hampshire County) Deed 721, Page 467” delineated on a “Plan of Land in Northampton, MA, Hampshire Registry, Prepared for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management” dated 08-01-2012, recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 228, Page 14, containing approximately 3.1 acres, together with any buildings and structures thereon, if

any, formerly used as farm for the Hampshire County jail, subject to an agriculture preservation restriction or conservation restriction retained by the Commonwealth under the care and custody of its Massachusetts department of agricultural resources.

SECTION 2. The city of Northampton shall be responsible for all costs and expenses including, but not limited to, costs associated with any engineering, surveys, appraisals and deed preparation related to the conveyance authorized in this subsection as such costs may be determined by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance.





*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

January 12, 2016

William H. Dwight
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding

Chairman Dwight and City Councilors,

In October, 2015 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing eight project proposals submitted for CPA funding. After extensive review including applicant presentations, public comment sessions and committee deliberation the CPC voted to recommend seven funding requests totaling \$454,310.

At its November 18, 2015 meeting, the Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend \$293,000 for five open space and recreation projects, and \$161,310 for two historic preservation projects. Collectively, these projects will leverage \$175,000 from other funding sources, including state and federal grants, private contributions, and volunteers.

The complete CPA applications that include detailed information about each project recommended, meeting minutes, and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage: www.northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, the Committee's recommendations, or if additional information is needed.

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Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Broad Brook Coalition submitted a CPA application for replacement and rehabilitation of the bridge, boardwalk, and dock at the Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area;

WHEREAS, the project has a great deal of public support, and will increase accessibility at the City's largest and most visited conservation area;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will leverage \$50,000 in federal Recreational Trails Grant funds, as well as the volunteer work of members of the Broad Brook Coalition, one of the City's valued open space partners;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$30,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$30,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Broad Brook Coalition for the Fitzgerald Lake Bridge, Boardwalk and Dock Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$30,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding to move, store and purchase historic ornamentation for the Seth Thomas clock;

WHEREAS, the Northampton Office of Planning & Sustainability already received CPA funding to purchase, move, and store the clock;

WHEREAS, the privately owned clock was originally dedicated by Calvin Coolidge, and sat at Main Street and Strong Ave for nearly one hundred years;

WHEREAS, the clock will ultimately be installed at Pulaski Park, at which point a permanent Historic Preservation Restriction will be created;

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability will conduct a fundraising campaign for the Clock's repair;

WHEREAS, the clock or any of its components shall not be disposed of without City Council approval;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted 6-2 to recommend that \$30,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$30,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Office of Planning & Sustainability to move, store and purchase historic ornamentation for the Seth Thomas clock. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$14,690 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Reserve (account #2344930-359932), and \$15,310 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Department of Public Works submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for continued work toward renovation of Pulaski Park.

WHEREAS, Pulaski Park is an important downtown resource, and the project will create a vibrant downtown greenspace.

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan and the Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Plans.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received extensive public input about the design of the Park, and the selected design reflects that process.

WHEREAS, the City Council and CPA in 2013 and 2014 granted \$1,698,500 in CPA funds to support the design and development of design plans and construction for the project, which broke ground in Fall, 2015.

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used to satisfy a condition of a \$400,000 state Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant that overhead utilities be buried.

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted 5-3 to recommend that \$200,000 in CPA funds be used to support Phase One of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$200,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Department of Public Works for additional funding for the Pulaski Park Renovation Project, for underground utility work or other construction expenses related to construction of Pulaski Park improvements. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$145,000 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931), and \$55,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for restoration of grass and brushland habitat in a ten acre section of the Mineral Hills;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan to preserve agricultural and rural character and remove invasive species;

WHEREAS, the project will create habitat that may be suitable for endangered species, and potentially restored agricultural land, and was recommended as a priority in a forest stewardship plan, as well as Laurie Sanders' *Rediscovering Northampton 2015*, a management plan for conservation areas;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton OPS for the Mineral Hills Habitat Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Historic Northampton, Inc. submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for continued work to restore, renovate and stabilize the Damon and Shepherd Houses, and protect historic artifacts;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used to secure an important historic resource that is valued by the community and the region, on which the City holds a permanent preservation restriction;

WHEREAS, the project has a great deal of community support, and will help preserve the City's sense of place;

WHEREAS, all work will be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$131,310 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$131,310 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Historic Northampton, Inc. for electrical work, roof and window replacement, and other related work to the Damon and Shepherd Houses. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$131,310 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Northampton Youth and Community Rowing submitted a CPA application for installation of a gate and signage at the new Connecticut River Greenway Riverfront Park;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan regarding creation of a park and boathouse with riverfront access;

WHEREAS, significant public and private funds have already been invested in the site, and the project will increase awareness of the park and programs offered there as a valuable public resource;

WHEREAS, the parties involved in management of the site will develop a written agreement regarding use of the gate;

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$5,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$5,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Northampton Youth and Community Rowing for the Connecticut River Greenway Gate project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$5,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of a 17-acre parcel on Route 10 for permanent protection.

WHEREAS, the parcel serves an important wildlife connection, that will preserve a natural link between the Oxbow and Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, and the City's western foothills.

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan to protect open space and provide for passive recreation.

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used as the local match for a state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity grant; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$55,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$55,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton OPS for the Rocky Hill Open Space Acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$55,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

Upon recommendation of the Mayor David J. Narkewicz

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF PULASKI PARK IN ACCORDANCE
WITH MASS. GEN. LAWS, c. 45, § 3 AND THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN LAND TO
THE PROVISIONS OF AMENDMENT ARTICLE 97 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CONSTITUTION AND THE PROVISIONS

- WHEREAS: Pulaski Park is a community-wide asset and the preservation and improvements to this Park are a City priority as evidenced in the **Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan: 2011-2018**; and
- WHEREAS: Pulaski Park is dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Section 45, Section 3: and
- WHEREAS: The Phase 2 Overlook Expansion of Pulaski Park, guided in principal by the Open Space Plan, will greatly enhance this facility with improved infrastructure, outdoor public meeting space, path systems, site lighting, universal access, etc.; and
- WHEREAS: The main focus of the plan is to renovate Pulaski Park to enrich the enjoyment by all residents and visitors to the City. The project cost and fiscal constraints prevented the City from proceeding with renovations to the Park; and
- WHEREAS: The Park renovations were viewed as a project that might be implemented in a series of phases over time or as one project when fiscal resources became available, with the intention of securing grant funding, when and if available, to assist in this effort; and
- WHEREAS: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has awarded the City a grant of \$400,000 through the Parklands Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant (PARC) program (301 CMR 5.00) for phase 2 of the renovation and expansion of Pulaski Park; and
- WHEREAS: The expansion of Pulaski Park includes land not subject to the provisions of Amendment Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution; and
- WHEREAS: The Grant requires that the additional land be subjected to the provisions of Article 97,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a deed or other such instrument as may be reasonable and necessary to expand Pulaski Park in accordance with M.G.L. c. 45, § 3 to include the parcel of land shown as “Proposed Parcel C Area = 14,192 +/- s.f.” on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Northampton, Massachusetts Surveyed for the City of Northampton,” dated January 18, 2016, and to subject said Proposed Parcel C to the provisions of Amendment Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

And that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this Order, including specifically reserving the right of the city to repair, maintain, and replace underground utilities.

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council January 21, 2016

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

Ordered, that

The following resolution be adopted by City Council:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on January 21, 2016, prior to the closing date, the Northampton City Council of the City of Northampton, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 12, 2016 for the Leeds Elementary School located at 20 Florence Street, Florence, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

Priority Category 5- Replacement, Renovation or Modernization of School Facility Systems-

The current EPDM and ballasted roofing systems have been in place since the school was renovated and expanded in 1991. At this point there is an immediate need to replace approximately 12,000 sf of rubber membrane and ballasted roofing with new EPDM roofing and flashing. Also, there is approximately 5,000 sf of standing metal seam roofing that is deteriorated and which needs to be rebuilt.

The current roof system exhibits deterioration of the rubber membrane and ballasted roofs, metal roof trim and roof flashing. Rubber seams are split and lifting in places, and temporary repairs have been made over time. There are some places where the membrane fabric is beginning to show through. Also, there is deterioration of the seams of the gymnasium standing seam metal roof system, and there are water seepage issues related to the metal roof and masonry walls of the gymnasium.

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and long-term recommendations for addressing the roof system. It's important to note that while the rubber roof system needs to be replaced, its deterioration hasn't reached the point where the rigid insulation has been compromised to the point where the material will need to be replaced.

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City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

Ordered, that

The following resolution be adopted by the City Council:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on January 21, 2016, prior to the closing date, the Northampton City Council of the City of Northampton, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 12, 2016 for the Bridge Street Elementary School located at 2 Parsons Street, Northampton, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

Priority Category 5- Replacement, Renovation or Modernization of School Facility Systems-

The current EPDM roofing system has been in place since the school was renovated and expanded in 1991. At this point there is an immediate need to replace approximately 10,000 sf of rubber membrane with new EPDM roofing and flashing. Also, there is approximately 250 lf of brick parapet that is deteriorated and which needs to be rebuilt.

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