



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- President William H. Dwight, At-Large
- Vice-President Ryan R. O'Donnell, Ward 3
- Jesse M. Adams, At-Large
- Maureen T. Carney, Ward 1
- Dennis P. Bidwell Ward 2
- Gina Louise Sciarra, Ward 4
- David A. Murphy, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Alisa F. Klein, Ward 7

**Meeting Agenda**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building**  
**212 Main Street, Northampton**  
**Meeting Date: March 3, 2016**  
**Meeting Time: 7:00pm**

**1. Public Comment**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Public Hearings**

**A. Announcement of Public Hearing**

By Order of the City Council, a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in accordance with The City Charter of Northampton, Massachusetts, Article 7 Finance and Fiscal Procedures, Section 7-5: Capital Improvement Program, (b) Public Hearing.

The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program FY2017-FY2021.

#### **4. Recognition and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors**

#### **5. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor**

Proclamations:

Brain Injury Awareness Month (March 2016)

Tibet Day (March 10, 2016)

Neither of these proclamations will involve deliberation or a vote by the City Council

#### **6. Resolutions**

##### **A. 16.023 Resolution to Oppose the TPP and any similar trade deals if they fail to restructure the misguided and failed policies of the past - 2nd Reading**

Documents: [16.023\\_TPP\\_Resolution-Council.pdf](#), [CongressmanMcGovernLetter.pdf](#)

#### **7. Presentations**

#### **8. Consent Agenda - final**

Minutes of February 18, 2016 City Council Meeting

16.035 - Reappointment of Natalia Munoz, 63 Rick Drive, Florence, to the Human rights Commission - term December 2015 - June 2018

Documents: [2-18-16-cc-minutes\\_201602251401.pdf](#), [16.035\\_Munoz\\_Reappointment.pdf](#)

#### **9. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)**

#### **10. Financial Orders**

##### **A. 16.032 Financial Order for Inter-Municipal Agreements with Williamsburg & West Springfield - 1st Reading**

West Springfield: to provide use of a GMC activity bust for transportation to a tournament March 25 - 28, 2016

Williamsburg: for a new public access pedestrian trail to provide a new public access trail to the historic Williamsburg Reservoir Dam

Documents: [16.032\\_Intermunicipal-Agreements.pdf](#)

**B. 16.033 An Order to appropriate \$30,825 from insurance proceeds to Police Department OOM Account - 1st Reading**

Documents: [16.033\\_PoliceCruiserInsuranceProceeds.pdf](#)

**11. Orders**

**12. Ordinances**

**A. 16.034 Ordinance pertaining to water resources- Refer to Committee on Community Resources, Committee on Public Works and Utilities, and Committee on Legislative Matters**

Documents: [16.034\\_Ordinance\\_Water\\_Resources.pdf](#)

**13. Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs**

**14. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests**

**A. Committee Study Request to Committee on Community Resources**

Documents: [201602261312.pdf](#)

**15. New Business**

Contact: *P. Powers*  
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In the Year 2016

Upon the Recommendation of City Councilors Maureen T. Carney, Alisa F. Klein, and Council President William H. Dwight

R-16.023

A Resolution to Oppose the TPP and Similar Trade Deals If They Fail to Restructure the Misguided and Failed Policies of the Past

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Northampton in City Council assembled, as follows,

- WHEREAS, The **Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)** is a trade agreement among twelve Pacific Rim countries concerning a variety of matters of economic policy, which was reached on 5 October 2015 after 7 years of negotiations.
- WHEREAS, U.S. trade deals for the past 25 years have been corporate-driven, incorporating rules that skew benefits to economic elites while requiring working families to bear the brunt of such policies, and
- WHEREAS, the growing trade deficits, driven by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), China's accession to the World Trade Organization, and the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement, have displaced from the U.S. 700,00 jobs, 3.2 million jobs, and 75,000 jobs, respectively, and
- WHEREAS, between 2000 and 2015, U.S. employment in manufacturing dropped by 5 million, and
- WHEREAS, jobs lost due to trade devastate families and entire communities and can permanently reduce lifetime earnings for hundreds of thousands of workers, and
- WHEREAS, the long decline of the American manufacturing base – exacerbated by bad trade policies that reward outsourcing – has undermined our economic security and poses a direct threat to our national security, and
- WHEREAS, the offshoring of manufacturing and service jobs deprives local and state governments of sorely needed revenues, jeopardizing the livelihoods of millions of public servants as well as construction workers whose jobs depend upon infrastructure building, repair and maintenance, and
- WHEREAS, Under NAFTA-style trade rules, the U.S. annual trade deficit has increased dramatically from 70 billion in 1993, the year before NAFTA went in to effect, to

more than \$508 billion in 2014, and

WHEREAS, the disproportionate voice of powerful global corporation in the formation of U.S. “free trade” agreements has advance an agenda that undermines the public interest and threatens democracy, and

WHEREAS, NAFTA and all but two of the U.S. trade deals that followed it include special legal rights for foreign investors, known as “investor-to-state dispute settlement” (ISDS), a private justice system that undermine US sovereignty and democratic control over our economy by allowing foreign firms to bypass state and federal courts to challenge state and federal laws, regulations, and administrative and judicial decisions in international tribunals, and

WHEREAS, Foreign investors have already used NAFTA’s ISDS provisions to challenge decisions regarding local building permits, environmental regulations, state bans on toxic chemicals and decisions of state courts, and

WHEREAS, Climate change and environmental degradation threaten communities across the globe, and ISDS provisions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership may expose nations enacting policies to fight climate change to ISDA cases that undermine these efforts, and

WHEREAS, Promoting economic growth with equity in Northampton requires an approach that reforms the entire trade negotiation process to ensure that voices of workers, farmers, small businesses, families and communities are heard and their interests addressed, and

WHEREAS, the TPP has been negotiated in secret, effectively shutting state and local governments out of the process, limiting our ability to influence its rules to ensure the people of Northampton can participate in the benefits of trade, and

WHEREAS, Given the enactment of fast track trade negotiating authority, states, localities and their citizens will have no opportunity to correct shortcomings in the TPP since its text will not be made public until it is final and no longer can be improved, and

WHEREAS, Repeating old mistakes in negotiating new trade agreements such as the TPP represents a missed opportunity to strengthen our economy, reduce income inequality and promote sustainable growth,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts

1. Calls upon our elected officials in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to oppose the TPP and any similar trade deals if they fail to restructure the misguided and failed policies of the past.

2. Hereby requests that the Council Clerk forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Massachusetts Delegation to the United States Senate and the United States Congress on behalf of the entire City Council.

JAMES P. McGOVERN  
2ND DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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February 12, 2016

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

Dear Council President Dwight,

I write to express my appreciation that the Northampton City Council will be considering a resolution at the February 18, 2016, City Council meeting to "*Oppose the TPP and Similar Trade Deals If They Fail to Restructure the Misguided and Failed Policies of the Past.*" It has always been my experience that such resolutions, and the debate they engender, are helpful to me here in Congress when these matters are brought before the U.S. House of Representatives for a debate and vote. The views of my constituents and the cities and towns in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District are very important in how I assess the merits of legislation.

I share many of the views and concerns expressed in the resolution that is being offered by City Councilors Maureen T. Carney, Alisa F. Klein and you. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is an extensive trade agreement involving twelve Pacific nations, which will have far-reaching effects on our laws and economy for decades. Last October, these 12 nations – the United States, Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, Chile and Peru – concluded five years of negotiations; on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the text of the agreement was made public; and on February 4, 2016, the trade ministers of the twelve nations met in Auckland, New Zealand, to formally sign the agreement. It now has a two-year period during which it must be ratified. Currently, it is my understanding that the leadership of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate has no plans to bring the TPP up for consideration prior to the November elections.

I reject the simplistic debate we hear too often that trade is either categorially good or bad: We all recognize that trade can be beneficial. However, today's trade agreements and our global trading system are far more complex than the simple agreements of the past, and this is especially true for an agreement as monumental as the TPP. We need to ask ourselves whether today's trade agreements, including the TPP, advance the ability of our workers to find quality jobs at quality wages. We need to ask whether the TPP will revitalize manufacturing and job creation here at home or further encourage U.S. companies to move their production offshore to other TPP countries. We need to ask whether these trade agreements promote the public health of

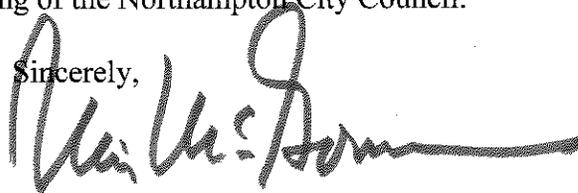
our communities, protect our citizens as consumers, and safeguard the quality of our environment. We need to ask whether new drugs and medicines will be available in a timely manner and affordable to our citizens, and indeed to all people, including the most vulnerable here at home and abroad. I also believe we need to ask whether this agreement will help or harm workers, small farmers, and vulnerable people in all the nations that are party to the TPP.

We need to know that laws and regulations approved by our city and state governments will not be overturned in favor of foreign corporate interests because of adjudication procedures established in trade negotiations. We need to be sure that the TPP and other trade agreements will allow us to address and not further exacerbate our country's growing economic inequality and stagnant middle class. And we need to be sure that the value of our goods and services will not be undermined by the manipulation of other nations' currencies.

After careful examination of these questions, and reading and listening to proponents and opponents of the TPP, I have concluded that the TPP will not advance the best interests of our citizens, especially in the matters noted above. I have, therefore, decided that I will oppose the TPP, unless the final legislation that may be taken up by the House provides significant changes and enforceable conditions that make it more responsive to the needs of the American worker, the American consumer, our environment, and local and state governments.

Once again, thank you for taking up the serious matter of the TPP and how trade agreements affect our daily life and the economy. I look forward to your debate and vote on the resolution at the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Northampton City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James P. McGovern", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress



CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WALLACE J. PUCHALSKI MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
212 MAIN STREET, NORTHAMPTON  
Northampton, MA  
February 18, 2016

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President William H. Dwight. At 7:18 p.m. on a roll call nine (9) councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight      At-Large Councilor Jesse M. Adams  
Ward 1 Councilor Maureen T. Carney      Ward 2 Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell  
Ward 3 Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell      Ward 4 Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra  
Ward 5 Councilor David A. Murphy      Ward 6 Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge  
Ward 7 Councilor Alisa F. Klein

**Public Hearings**

**Public Hearings:** None

**Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors**

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**Announcements**

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Councilor LaBarge announced that there will be a forum to discuss women's issues and concerns in Northampton on February 23, 2016 from 4:30 – 6:30. The event will be held in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton.

**Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor**

**Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor:**

Mayor Narkewicz presented a proclamation to Susan Swift, Head of School @ the Montessori School in Northampton. The proclamation was in recognition of Montessori Education Week from February 28 – March 5, 2016.

**Resolutions**

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**16.023 Resolution to oppose the TPP and any similar trade deals if they fail to restructure the misguided and failed policies of the past - 1st Reading**

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The resolution was read into the record by Councilor Dwight. He also shared a letter from Congressman James P. McGovern that supported the resolution.

Councilor Carney shared that she had an opportunity to speak with Congressman McGovern; he shared that resolutions such as this one are helpful because they confirm his position when voting on the issue in Congress. Councilor Carney has worked to find job opportunities for dislocated workers for the past twelve years as a worker for the AFL-CIO; she reports that it is heartbreaking to see jobs lost due to NAFTA and other trade agreements. Just recently it was announced that CARRIER (a unit of United Technologies Corp.) was moving to Mexico. And while there are not a lot of companies in Northampton who trade globally, there is still impact on our local economy. She is not in support of trade agreements that undermine a company's ability to compete in a global market. If there aren't revisions to the areas concerning labor laws and the environment, then she hopes that the TPP doesn't pass through Congress.

Councilor Klein shared that the TPP is the biggest trade pact ever. Countries want to ratify this because they perceive it creates a favorable climate for investment and they want to show deference to the economic power that the U.S. represents. Regarding presidential candidates, Councilor Klein states that there is opposition from both sides. Senator Elizabeth Warren argues that Investor State Dispute Settlement Courts clause needs to be taken out of the agreements before she will support the agreement. According to her research, Councilor Klein says the clause allows foreign corporations to sue governments and forces sovereign governments into a private arbitration system leaving them vulnerable to expensive legal battles which are not transparent and don't allow for civil society input. Workers, unions, consumers and communities who should be protected by government regulations will be shut out of the arbitration process created by the ISDS clause. The agreement also does not allow victims to hold investors accountable for corporate wrongdoings. She is concerned that

the agreement is an outsourcing deal where there are no environmental protections or regulations or labor protections. When we outsource, she feels we will allow degradation globally of human and civil rights. Morally, politically, and socially we need to take a stand.

Councilor Adams doesn't know much about the TPP and has not had an opportunity to research the topic. He would like to hear arguments from those who support the TPP before supporting the resolution. He will be voting "no" on the resolution; as a city councilor he does not have a conflict and will therefore not be abstaining from the vote.

Councilor Sciarra would feel more comfortable if the title of the resolution were changed and would look to the sponsors to propose an alternative title.

Councilor Bidwell stated that he came to tonight's meeting expecting to abstain from the vote given the complexity of the agreement. He is impressed with the divergence of sophisticated economic arguments regarding this agreement, including economists who argue both sides of the issue. He feels that his constituents would rather him focus on becoming an expert on water/sewer rates versus TPP.

Councilor LaBarge supports the resolution; as a union rep for 31 years, she doesn't have a problem with the language of the resolution and she is pleased to see the letter from (Congressman) McGovern.

Councilor O'Donnell noted that the agreement is a sprawling document that will affect nearly one billion people in twelve countries on four continents. The agreement will govern 40% of the world's economy. It is a complicated issues; in defining his opinion of the agreement, stated that what is disturbing is the trend toward "corporate nationhood". Built into the agreement, he suggests, should be a mechanism for accountability by way of a democratic process.

Councilor Dwight supports the resolution; the Constitution grants citizens the right to manifest their own destiny and not have that destiny be fabricated as a policy by corporations and not allow citizen participation.

**Motion to Approve in 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Councilor Carney moved to approve in 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 5 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Adams), 3 Abstentions (Councilors Murphy, Sciarra and Bidwell).

**Motion Carried**

**See minutes of March 3, 2016 for second reading.**

<b><u>Presentations</u></b>	<b><u>Presentations</u></b> None
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<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>	<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>
<b><u>Motion to Approve Consent Agenda</u></b>	Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilor Klein seconded the motion; the motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.
<b><u>Motion Carried</u></b>	The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda.
	<b><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></b> Minutes of the February 4, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes of the January 28, 2016 Joint City Council and School Committee Meeting
	<b><u>16.029 Petition from Electric Eye Records of 52 Main Street, Florence As a Dealer of Second Hand Articles</u></b>

<b><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></b>	At 8:02 p.m. the City Council recessed for a Finance Committee meeting. The Council reconvened at 8:30 p.m.
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<b><u>Financial Orders</u></b>	<b><u>Financial Orders</u></b>
<b><u>16.031 Financial Order for Free Cash to Recreation Dept. for Modular Structure - Request 2</u></b>	<b><u>16.031 Financial Order for Free Cash to Recreation Dept. for Modular Structure - Request 2 Readings</u></b>

Readings

Motion to approve in 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in 1<sup>st</sup> reading; Councilor Sclarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion to suspend council rules to allow for second reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend council rules to allow for a second reading; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion to approve in 2nd Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the financial order in 2nd Reading; Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion Carried

The following order passed in second reading:

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

*Ordered, that*

an additional \$70,000 be appropriated from the FY16 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) for the purpose of funding design services, site preparation and utilities, procurement, and construction of a 2,160 square foot modular office building to serve as the administrative headquarters of the Northampton Parks and Recreation Department.

Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

16.030 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2017 - Refer to Committee on Public Works and Utilities

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Councilor Dwight announced that a Public Hearing will be held at the Committee on Public Works and Utilities. Councilor Dwight suggested that a Public Hearing could also be done by the Committee on Finance. Councilor Carney noted that given the scope of the committee it makes sense for the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to hold the Public Hearing. Councilor Adams suggested given the importance of the topic, it might make sense to hold two public hearings.

Mayor Narkewicz noted that the City Council will be setting the fees for water and sewer rates; the fees associated with fixed costs of delivering the service will be set by the Department with approval by the Mayor. The low-income credit program will be established and maintained by the DPW.

Motion to refer to committees

Councilor Murphy moved to refer to the Committees on Public Works and Utilities and Finance; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion carried

Orders

16.024 Warrant for Upcoming Election on March 1, 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

16.024 Warrant for Upcoming Election on March 1, 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Motion to approve in second reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion Carried

The following order passed in second reading:

Upon the Recommendation of City Clerk Wendy Mazza,

that meetings of the members of the Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and United Independent Party, in the City of Northampton, qualified to vote, will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the City Council, as follows:

- WARD 1, Precinct A - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 1, Precinct B - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 2, Precinct A - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 2, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 3, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street

WARD 3, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street  
 WARD 4, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street  
 WARD 4, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street  
 WARD 5, Precinct A - In Florence Civic and Business Building, 90 Park Street  
 WARD 5, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School  
 WARD 6, Precinct A - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School  
 WARD 6, Precinct B - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School  
 WARD 7, Precinct A - In John F. Kennedy Middle School, Community Room  
 WARD 7, Precinct B - In Leeds School Gymnasium, Lower Level

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening of the said day, and such members will in the wards in which they are entitled to vote between said hours give in their votes for to the proper officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following offices:

Presidential Preference.

One State Committee Man for each Political Party for the Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District

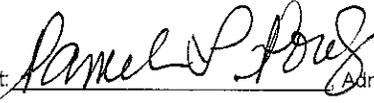
One State Committee Woman for each Political Party for the Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District

- 35 Members of the Democratic Ward Committee.
- 35 Members of the Republican Ward Committee.
- 10 Members of the Green-Rainbow Ward Committee
- 10 Members of the United Independent Party Ward Committee

Enrolled Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

<u>Ordinances</u>	<u>Ordinances: None</u>
<u>Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs</u>	<u>Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs</u> None
<u>Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u>	<u>Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u> None
<u>New Business</u>	<u>New Business</u> None

At 8:46 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Murphy. The vote to adjourn passed on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Attest:  Administrative Assistant to the City Council

2/14-2015 City Council Roll Call Record

Record of City Council Votes for February 18, 2016

	Adams	Bitwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	Labarge	Murphy	O'Donnell	Satara	Total
Roll Call by Pamela L. Powers, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:18 p.m.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	9 Present, 0 Absent
16.023 Resolution to oppose the TPP and any similar trade deals if they fail to restructure the misguidled and failed policies of the past	No	Abstain	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Motion Carried 5 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstentions
16.031 Financial Order for Free Cash to Recreation Dept. for Modular Structure - Request 2 Readings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Second Yes	Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No
	Suspend rules to allow second reading									
	Motion to suspend council rules to allow for second reading made by: Labarge and seconded by Councilor Murphy. This motion was approved on a voice vote.									
	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No
	2nd Reading									

At 8:46 p.m. Councilor Labarge motioned to adjourn; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Recorded By:

Pamela L. Powers, Administrative Assistant to the City Council

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# MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

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Office of the Mayor

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2016

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

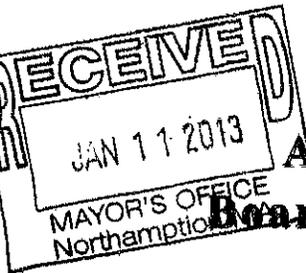
**SUBJECT: Appointments to Committees**

Please find the attached appointments and re-appointments to City Boards, Committees and Commissions:

Human Rights Commission

- Natalia Munõz , 63 Rick Drive, Florence – term December 2015 – June 2018 (reappointment).

cc: City Clerk, Wendy Mazza



# City of Northampton

## Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

Name: Natalia Muñoz

Address: 63 Rick Drive, Florence, MA 01062

Email:

Home Phone: (413) 204-0899 Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Journalist/Communications Consultant Years lived in Northampton: 9

Please indicate the Committee(s) you have interest serving on: *(Appointment subject to vacancies)*

Affordable Housing Trust	Historical Commission
Agricultural Commission	Housing Partnership-Fair Housing
Arts Council	Human Rights Commission X
Board of Health	License Commission
Board of Public Works	Northampton Housing Authority
Cable Advisory Board	Planning Board
Capital Improvements	Recreation Commission
Central Business Architecture	Registrar of Voters
Conservation Committee	Transportation & Parking Commission
Committee on Disabilities	Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
Community Preservation Committee	Tree Committee
Council on Aging	Youth Commission
Elm Street Historic District	Zoning Board of Appeal
Energy & Sustainability Commission	Other

**What skills and experience will you bring to this Committee assignment:**

*(attach additional sheet or resume if necessary)*

- Knowledge of UN's history, US history, Civil Rights,
- Multimedia skills to spread the word about the Human Rights Commission
- Mediator skills to listen o all parties in a dispute and help, in collaboration with my HRC colleagues, arrive at a resolution

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City committee: \_\_\_\_\_ No X Yes\*

*(\*If yes please state what committee)* Human Rights Commission

**Required:** Please read the following, by signing below you state that you understand and agree:  
 The filing of this form does not guarantee my appointment. An application is kept on file for two (2) years; after that I must file a new application. Being appointed to a committee, board, or commission means that I am considered a Municipal Employee under MGL Chapter 268A and thereby subject to Conflict of Interest Law MGL Chapter 268A, Financial Disclosure Law MGL Chapter 268B, as well as Open Meeting Law MGL Chapter 39: Section 23B. I understand that I will take the conflict of interest test AFTER being appointed and that I also must be sworn in by the City Clerk. I will contact the appointing authority with any questions about my service. **IMPORTANT: Once this form is submitted it becomes a public document, if there is information you do not want open to the public please do not include it on this form!**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 11, 2013

Please Return Form To: [Mayor@northamptonma.gov](mailto:Mayor@northamptonma.gov) or  
 David J. Narkewicz, Mayor, 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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*In City Council*

March 3, 2016

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

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**16.032**

**An Order**

**To Give Authorization for Two Separate Inter-Municipal Agreements:  
Williamsburg and West Springfield**

*Ordered, that*

Whereas MGL C.40 s. 4A allows for joint operation of public activities among governmental units, and

Whereas, MGL c. 40, s. 4A requires that such inter-governmental agreements be approved, in a city, by the City Council and the Mayor, and;

Whereas the City of Northampton provides services to and shares services with other municipalities;

Therefore pursuant to MGL C. 40 s. 4A the City Council hereby authorizes the City of Northampton to enter into the following inter-municipal agreements:

Contract with Town of Williamsburg for a new public access pedestrian trail that will cross City of Northampton property to provide a new public access trail to the historic Williamsburg Reservoir Dam per the agreement.

Contract with City of West Springfield to provide the use of a GMC Activity Bus for the West Springfield varsity baseball team for transportation to a tournament March 25, 2016 – March 28, 2016 per the agreement.



*Town of Williamsburg  
Board of Selectmen  
141 Main Street, P.O. Box 447  
Haydenville, Massachusetts 01039-0447*

December 10, 2015

Mayor David J. Narkewicz  
City of Northampton  
210 Main St #12,  
Northampton, MA 01060

Dear Mayor Narkewicz:

We write today to request permission for a new public-access pedestrian trail in Williamsburg that is proposed to cross City of Northampton property off of Ashfield Road and Judd Lane. This new trail will provide public trail access to the historic Williamsburg Reservoir Dam, an historic site that in 1874 had a fundamental impact on the history of both our communities.

As you may know, the 1874 Mill River Flood was the largest industrial disaster of its day, and changed the course of both Williamsburg's and Northampton's history forever, wiping out five mill villages and killing 139 people. The story of the flood is a formative story in our communities' history; unfortunately, access to the Williamsburg Reservoir Dam site, which tells so much of that story, has been off limits to the general public due to private property concerns.

Since 2014, our town's Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee has been working with local private landowners Bethany and Will Ouimet and the City of Northampton Water Department (which owns the dam site) to develop a trail proposal that will allow the public to access, explore and experience the dam site, the historic flood story and the history of farm and forest management in the hilltowns.

By this letter we are submitting a formal proposal and request for permission (through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)) to develop a public access trail on City of Northampton property that will allow the residents of both our communities to experience the stories of this important site.

Attached you will find a full trail proposal and proposed MOU between the City of Northampton and Town of Williamsburg.

We hope you will look favorably on this proposed project, and we invite you, your staff and your family to come experience the trail.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Mathers  
Williamsburg Board of Selectmen Chair

cc: Nicole Sanford  
Williamsburg Woodland Trail Committee

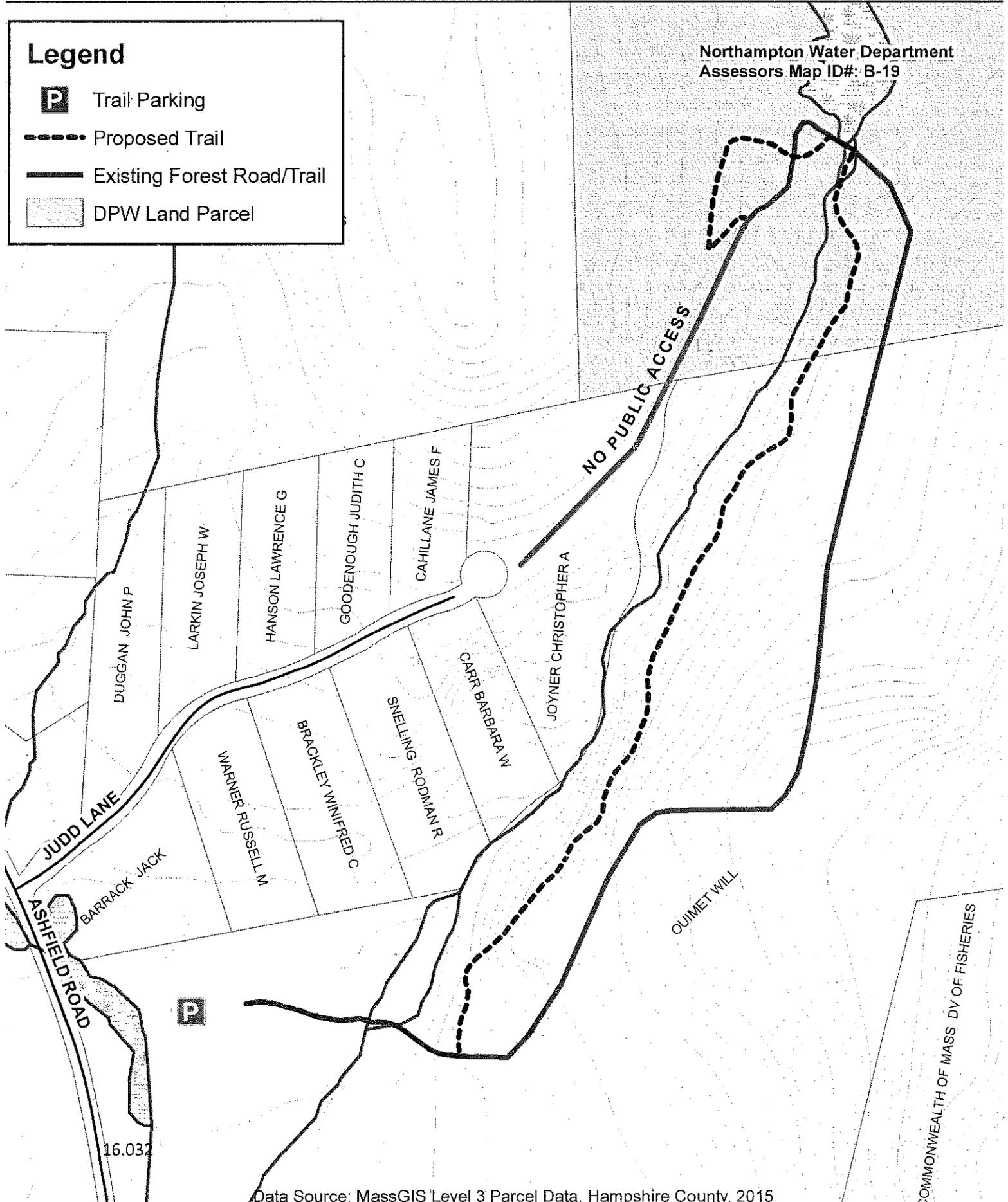


# Attachment A: Complete Trail With Parcel Data

## Legend

- Trail Parking
- Proposed Trail
- Existing Forest Road/Trail
- DPW Land Parcel

Northampton Water Department  
Assessors Map ID#: B-19



Memorandum of Understanding  
Between the Town of Williamsburg ("Town") and the City of Northampton ("City")  
Regarding the Historic Flood and Forest Trail on Northampton Water Department Property

The City of Northampton, through its Department of Public Works, owns and manages land in the Town of Williamsburg that contains the remnants of the historic Mill River Dam and Reservoir (Williamsburg Assessors Map and Lot B-19, Attachment A).

The City of Northampton actively manages this land for the purpose of water quality and reserves the property for future water supply needs. The City periodically implements silvicultural techniques, including but not limited to, timber harvests for these purposes.

The site of the Mill River Dam and Reservoir site contains historic structures and artifacts that help to illustrate the story of the events leading up to and including May 16, 1874, the day of the Mill River Disaster.

The events of May 16, 1874, changed the course of Williamsburg's and Northampton's history forever. The disaster was the worst industrial disaster of its day, it contributed to a new movement in industrial safety regulation and it has shaped the cultural history, family narratives and economic development of Williamsburg to this day.

The Town and City therefore agree that:

The City will allow for the construction and public use of a pedestrian, public-access trail (as proposed in Attachment A) on and across City property.

To the extent that the law allows, the trail shall not be advertised outside of the Town and listed on any regional or statewide maps of recreational trails.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 21, Section 17C, recreational use statute, the City of Northampton and the Town of Williamsburg "shall not be liable for personal injuries or property damage sustained by such members of the public, including without limitation a minor, while on said land in the absence of willful, wanton, or reckless conduct."

The Town agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City for any claim arising from the use of the trail.

The Town, through its Williamsburg Woodland Trails (WWT) Committee, will build, monitor and maintain the trail as proposed, or as revised with approval of the City; including the proposed wood stringer pedestrian bridge. Trail accessibility, compliance with bid laws and prevailing wage laws will be the responsibility of the Town.

No motorized vehicles shall be allowed on said trail or property, except by separate agreement between the City and any individual, club or organization.

Dogs and other animals will not be allowed on the trail with the exception of service animals.

Trail users shall not engage in any activities that could harm the natural or cultural resources of the site or impair water quality. Such activities include but are not limited to littering, dumping, fires, illegal trail building, camping, entering streams, moving stones, or altering historic structures.

The WWT Committee will work with the City to develop and display information that describes the history of the site and the value of active forest management on City lands. Final text and signage locations shall be approved by City staff.

The WWT will close the trail to the public temporarily, as may be required by the City during forest harvesting operations.

No structures will be built or sited in a way that interferes with City management of the property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town and City have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the dates noted below.

Town of Williamsburg

City of Northampton



Name: David E. Mathers  
Title: Chair, Board of Selectmen

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Name: David J. Narkewicz  
Title: Mayor

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Name: Joseph M. Cook  
Title: Chief Procurement Officer

*February 4, 2016*  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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*In City Council* \_\_\_\_\_ March 3, 2016

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**O-16.033**

**An Order**

**To appropriate \$30,825 from insurance proceeds  
to Police Department OOM Account**

*Ordered, that*

In accordance with M.G.L. C. 44 s. 53 regarding insurance proceeds, the City Council appropriates \$30,825 of insurance proceeds (10004 484021) received from the property physical damage claim for a police cruiser damaged October 2015 to the Police Department OOM Account – Equipment Automobiles (12103 585001).

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen*

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell and Mayor David J. Narkewicz.

16.034  
AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF  
NORTHAMPTON'S WATER RESOURCES

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

SECTION 1

*That § 325 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*

~~Article I Water Use Regulations~~ **Article I Water Resources**

§ 325-1 (~~Reserved~~) **Public Ownership of Water Resources**

**The public water resources and infrastructure of the City of Northampton, including systems and facilities related to the supply, storage, treatment and distribution of water, shall be owned and/or controlled by the City of Northampton and shall not be sold, leased or transferred into private ownership.**

SECTION 2

*That the article title "Water Use Regulations" be moved directly before § 325-2 and that the article titles within Chapter 325 be renumbered:*

~~Article I~~ **Article II** Water Use Regulations

~~Article II~~ **Article III** Water Emergencies and Restrictions

~~Article III~~ **Article IV** Drinking Water Protection



**CITY COUNCIL  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

February 22, 2016

Members of the Committee on Community Resources,

Section 2.3.8 of the Council Rules provides that the Council President shall have the power to *“issue a Committee Study Request to any committee. Such a request shall require a committee to report to the full Council on a particular policy or issue area within 120 days optionally accompanied by legislation.”*

Pursuant this rule, please consider this request that the City Council Committee on Community Resources study issues relative to the local economy, with a focus on businesses and workers in downtown Northampton and downtown Florence, for the purpose of identifying practical recommendations, if any, that the City Council could pursue to strengthen the local economy.

Because this is a large and multifaceted topic, the Committee should choose which issues and policies are most important to address. Such issues may include the challenges facing businesses generally, commercial space vacancy rates and co-called “high rent blight,” energy costs, licensing, city infrastructure, high speed internet connectivity, and issues of workers’ rights, wages and working conditions, among others.

Further, the Committee should substantially involve the public by convening hearings and community meetings, soliciting testimony and inviting discussion among citizens representing a broad cross-section of Northampton’s economy, including business owners, property owners, workers, academics and residents.

Sincerely,

William H. Dwight  
City Council President

Ryan R. O’Donnell  
City Council Vice President