



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton
Meeting Date: February 21, 2019
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

1. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

This meeting may be audio/video recorded for broadcast by Northampton Community Television.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing concerning the Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024

In accordance with The Charter of Northampton, Massachusetts, Article 7 Finance and Fiscal Procedures, Section 7-5: Capital Improvement Program, (b) Public Hearing. BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers, Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building, 212 Main

Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024, and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

5. Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

A. 19.003 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024 Submitted to City Council on February 4, 2019 - 1st reading

Documents:

[19.003 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024 Submitted to City Council on February 4, 2019.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Recess for Committee on City Services (See Separate Agenda)

11. Consent Agenda

A. 18.241B Appointment to Housing Authority

Process note: The Mayor's office has respectfully requested that this appointment be expedited to allow a full complement of members to be present for the Annual Meeting of the Commissioners of the Northampton Housing Authority,

Housing Authority

Elizabeth Silver, 67 Willow Street, Florence

Term: February 2019 to March 2021

To fill the unexpired term of Jerry Budgar

Documents:

[18.241 Silver Application.pdf](#)

[18.241 Replacement Memo.pdf](#)

12. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

13. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

A. 19.002 An Order to Purchase, Declare Surplus and Donate Land on Easthampton Road to Massachusetts Audubon Society for Conservation Purposes - 1st reading

Documents:

[19.002 An Order to Purchase, Declare Surplus and Donate Land on Easthampton Road to Massachusetts Audubon Society for Conservation Purposes.pdf](#)

B. 19.004 An Order to Reprogram Memorial Hall Repairs Surplus to Senior Center Repairs - 1st reading

Documents:

[19.004 An Order to Reprogram Memorial Hall Repairs Surplus to Senior Center Repairs.pdf](#)

C. 19.005 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers - 1st reading

Documents:

[19.005 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers.pdf](#)

14. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 18.233 An Order to Acquire Land on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/7/2019
- Corrected typo to change word "easement" to "property" in final paragraph - 2/7/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 2/7/2019

Documents:

[18.233 An Order to Acquire Land on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection.pdf](#)

B. 18.236 An Order to Reprogram AOM Funds from Foundation Repair to Stage Door Handicapped Access - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/7/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 2/7/2019

Documents:

[18.236 An Order to Reprogram AOM Funds from Foundation Repair to Stage Door Handicapped Access.pdf](#)

C. 18.237 An Order to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill Apartments - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/7/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 2/7/2019

Documents:

[18.237 CPC Recommendation Letter.pdf](#)

[18.237 An Order to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill Apartments.pdf](#)

D. 18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/7/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 2/7/2019

Documents:

[18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project.pdf](#)

E. 18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/7/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 2/7/2019

Documents:

[18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog.pdf](#)

F. 18.240 A Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Window at Forbes Library - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/7/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 2/7/2019

Documents:

[18.240 A Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Window at Forbes Library.pdf](#)

16. Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

17. Ordinances

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

19. New Business

Contact: R. O'Donnell, Council President
ryan@ryanodonnell.org or
(413) 570-3159

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In City Council, _____ February 21, 2019 _____

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz _____

19.003 A Resolution
to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024
Submitted to City Council on February 4, 2019

Resolved, that

The City Council hereby adopts the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024 submitted by the Mayor on February 4, 2019, in accordance with the Charter of Northampton, Massachusetts, Article 7 Finance and Fiscal Procedures, Section 7-5: Capital Improvement Program.



City of Northampton

Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

1 message

noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
To: mayor@northamptonma.gov

Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 2:12 PM

Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

City of Northampton Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Please return the completed form to: Mayor@northamptonma.gov or David J. Narkewicz, Mayor 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

First Name	Elizabeth
Last Name	Silver
Title, if applicable	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Address1	67 Willow St
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Florence
State	MA
Zip	01062
Home Phone	413 570-0087
Work Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Cell Phone	413 531-9937
Occupation & Place of Employment	retired attorney, currently Hearing Officer for the Department of Developmental Services (independent contractor)
Email	elizabethsilver123@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	29
Age	60 - 69
Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Boards and Committees	<i>Field not completed.</i>

Please list "other" board or committee of interest Northampton Housing Authority - Commissioner

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment? I was a long-time legal services attorney working with low-income populations, including in public benefits and housing related matters, so I'm generally familiar with the legal framework and issues facing public and subsidized housing. After retiring from legal services in 2008 I worked as an independent contractor for the Northampton Housing Authority when Jon Hite was the Director. I represented tenants of NHA primarily in public benefits cases so have become familiar with the various complexes that comprise NHA as well as some of its operations.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee? Yes

Please list other city committees you have served on Zoning Board of Appeals (current)

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 Elizabeth A. Silver

Date 2/5/2019

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MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

City of Northampton

Office of the Mayor

210 Main Street Room 12

Northampton, MA 01060-3199

(413) 587-1249 Fax: (413) 587-1275

mayor@northamptonma.gov

DATE: February 5, 2019

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

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

Housing Partnership

Dan Krassner, 16 Winslow Avenue, Florence

Term: March 2019 to June 2022

To fill a vacancy on the Housing Partnership

Human Rights Commission

Rachel Maiore, 392 Chesterfield Road, Leeds

Term: March 2019 to June 2019

To fill the unexpired term of Brian Barnes

Megan Paik, 9 Laurel St., Northampton

Term: March 2019 to June 2022

To fill a vacancy on the Human Rights Commission

Housing Authority

Elizabeth Silver, 67 Willow St., Florence

Term: February 2019 to March 2021

To fill the unexpired term of Jerry Budgar

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In City Council, February 21, 2019

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

19.002 An Order to Purchase, Declare Surplus and Donate Land on Easthampton Road to Massachusetts Audubon Society for Conservation Purposes

WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation, and Multiuse Trail Plan: 2018-2025* recommends preserving the “the corridor along the Connecticut River and the adjacent floodplain. This includes ...the area immediately adjacent to...Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary...” and further it recommends “strengthen partnerships...including [with]...Massachusetts Audubon Society.”

WHEREAS, The City has an Option to purchase 4.5± acres on Easthampton Road, from Ralph Thompson, adjacent to the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary along an oxbow of the Connecticut River for \$1 or as a deed in-lieu of tax title foreclosure.

WHEREAS, Said land has no development value but it is of important conservation value.

Ordered, that

The Mayor is authorized to purchase said land for city purposes;

Further, that City Council declares such land as surplus to City purposes and authorizes the city to donate the land to Massachusetts Audubon Society for permanent open space preservation, subject to the City, through its Conservation Commission, holding a conservation restriction, as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31, and that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions.



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In City Council

February 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

19.004 An Order to Reprogram Memorial Hall Repairs Surplus to Senior Center Repairs

Ordered, that

\$12,000 of surplus funds that remain in the Memorial Hall Repairs capital project (19303 586845) following the completion of that project, be reprogrammed for the purpose of making repairs to the exterior siding and trim at the Northampton Senior Center to an account to be named - Senior Center Repairs

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In City Council

February 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

19.005 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers

Ordered, that

the following FY2019 budgetary transfers be and hereby are made:

Department		Description	Org	Object	Transfer From:	Transfer To:
Medical Insurance	PS	Employee Health Insurance	19141	519400		(39,306)
Fire Rescue	OM	R & M Vehicles	12202	524004	9,500	
Public Safety Communications Center	OM	Replacement of Equipment	12122	587000	7,867	
Public Safety Communications Center	OM	Software License Fees	12122	528000	17,439	
Public Safety Communications Center	OM	Travel	12122	571001	2,000	
Public Safety Communications Center	OM	Staff Development	12122	578001	2,500	
Total Budgetary Transfers:					39,306	-

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In City Council, _____, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the Department of Public Works

18.233 An Order

to Acquire Land on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection

Ordered, that

- WHEREAS, The City of Northampton owns a surface drinking water supply in the towns of Hatfield, Whately and Williamsburg which is surrounded by watershed land owned by both the City and private property owners, and;
- WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the City to acquire privately held parcels within this watershed as they become available for sale to protect its drinking water supply, and;
- WHEREAS, Certain parcels of land within the watershed are available for acquisition, and it is in the interest of the City to acquire the parcels for watershed protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED,

That the City Council authorizes the acquisition by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee interest in one parcel of land containing 9.125 acres, more or less, located on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield and shown as Parcel 3 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Hatfield, Massachusetts Surveyed for the City of Northampton," dated January 15, 2019, by Heritage Surveys, Inc. This acquisition is for the purpose of the sanitary protection of the Mountain Street Reservoir, part of the City of Northampton's Water Supply. The parcels shall be held in the custody and control of the Department of Public Works.

Further, that no appropriation is necessary for the acquisition of the property authorized hereunder inasmuch as sufficient funds for this acquisition have been appropriated in Water Enterprise 61523-581000-11 – Land.

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In City Council

February 7, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.236 An Order to Reprogram AOM Funds from Foundation Repair to Stage Door Handicapped
Access

Whereas, the City appropriated funds to make the stage door access at the Academy of Music handicapped accessible and the project was bid in the spring of 2018;

Whereas, the bids received exceeded the approved budget and the project was put on hold in order to review and rebid once additional funds were identified;

Whereas, the AOM Foundation Repairs have been completed and have funds remaining that are now surplus;

Ordered, that

The balance of \$6,420 remaining in the Academy of Music Foundation Repairs Capital Project (19303 586842) be reprogrammed to add to the \$131,527 previously appropriated for the Academy of Music Stage Door Handicapped Access Project (19303 586712), bringing the total appropriated for the Stage Door Handicapped Access Project to \$137,947.



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

February 4, 2019

Ryan O'Donnell
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding

President O'Donnell and City Councilors,

In September 2018 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing project proposals submitted for CPA funding consideration. After extensive review including applicant presentations, public comment sessions and deliberation, the CPC unanimously voted to recommend four funding requests totaling \$568,160. Along with projects funded during the first round of funding in 2018, these represent a wide variety of project types around the city in every CPA funding category. Two projects were not selected for funding, and two other projects for which the CPC recommended funding did not receive state grants that were necessary to allow them to proceed.

The CPC encourages Councilors and the public to visit <http://archive.northamptonma.gov/WebLink/0/foi/591450/Row1.aspx> to view the full applications submitted for each project funded this round. Meeting minutes, information about the CPA, 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.

Projects Recommended for Funding:

Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog, Office of Planning & Sustainability, \$200,000

CPA funds be used as a match for a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to create a .75 mile ecologically sensitive trail that will connect several neighborhoods and create a safe walking route to Ryan Road School.

Forbes Library Window Restoration, Northampton Central Services, \$100,000

CPA funds will contribute to restoration of the original windows at Forbes Library. This will protect the Library's historic collections, increase energy efficiency and reduce heating and cooling costs.

Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition, Conservation Commission, \$118,160

CPA funds will be used as a match for state grant funds to acquire and permanently protect 87 acres along Parsons Brook, adjacent to existing protected open space west of Cardinal Way. The area includes trails and fishing opportunities, endangered species habitat, and rare acidic pine barrens.

Village Hill Apartments, The Community Builders, \$150,000

CPA funds will contribute to creation of 65 units of mixed income rental housing, including 36 units restricted to low-income and extremely low income households, on two lots at Village Hill.

Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee

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In City Council, February 7, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

18.237 An Order
to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill
Apartments

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The Community Builders submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of affordable housing units at the Village Hill Apartments;

WHEREAS, the project will create approximately 65 units of mixed income rental housing at Village Hill on two parcels, and 35 of these will be restricted to households and individuals earning 60% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, open spaces and playgrounds are part of the project and will be open and available for use by the public;

WHEREAS, The Community Builders has an excellent record of providing affordable housing in Northampton and beyond;

WHEREAS, the project will leverage funds from a variety of other sources and has wide community support;

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$150,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$150,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to The Community Builders for the Village Hill Apartments project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$89,000 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933), and \$61,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

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In City Council, February 7, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of 87 acres within the Parsons Brook greenway on Route 66 and Burts Pit Road;

WHEREAS, the area includes rare pine barrens habitat, a coldwater fishery, core habitat of rare and endangered species, acidic wetlands, and serves as a wildlife corridor for birds and large mammals, and is adjacent to already-protected open space;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail Plan to protect open space, provide for passive recreation, and protect heritage landscapes;

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$118,160 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$118,160 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Parsons Brook Pine Barrens acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$118,160 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931).

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In City Council, February 7, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee
18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for a .75 mile multi-use trail within the Burts Bog Greenway;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Northampton Sustainability Plan and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-Use Trail Plan.

WHEREAS, the project has wide community and regional support, will connect neighborhoods, and will create safe routes to school and meaningful non-motorized travel options.

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used as a match for an approved FY19 Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$200,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$200,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Rocky Hill Trail at Burt's Bog. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$45,840 is allocated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931), and \$154,160 is allocated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

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In City Council, February 7, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

18.240 A Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Window at Forbes Library

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Central Services Department submitted a CPA application for restoration of the 125-year old windows at Forbes Library;

WHEREAS, the library is important to the history of the City and the region, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and includes invaluable historic collections, including the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library;

WHEREAS, restoration of the windows is an appropriate historic treatment that conforms to the Secretary of the Interior's standards and will secure the building's envelope and increase energy efficiency;

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$100,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$100,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Northampton Central Services for the Forbes Library Window Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$100,000 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Reserve (account #2344930-359932).