



Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

Committee Members:

Chair: Councilor Maureen T. Carney

Vice-Chair: Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

Councilor James B. Nash

MEETING AGENDA

Date: November 4, 2019

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: City Council Chambers

212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

A. Minutes of September 9, 2019 and October 7, 2019

Documents:

[09-09-2019_City Services Committee.pdf](#)

[10-07-2019_City Services Committee.pdf](#)

4. Update from Senior Services Director Marie Westburg

5. 4:30 P.M. Public hearing to consider the laying out of Finn Street

Legal ad published October 26, 2019 per M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 1.

Documents:

[Finn Street Layout Public Hearing.pdf](#)

[19.132 Finn Street Street Acceptance Plan.pdf](#)

[19.132 Petition for Finn Street Acceptance.pdf](#)

6. 4:35 P.M. Public hearing to consider the laying out of a portion of North Street (from King Street to Market Street)

Legal notice published October 26, 2019 per M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 1.

Documents:

19.131 North Street Street Acceptance Plan.pdf
19.131 Petition for North Street Acceptance.pdf
North Street Layout Public Hearing.doc

7. Items Referred to Committee

None.

8. New Business

9. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2019, 4 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

Present: Councilor Maureen T. Carney, Chair
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, Vice Chair
Councilor James B. Nash
Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 4:02 p.m., Councilor Carney called the meeting to order. On a roll call, Councilors Carney, Bidwell, LaBarge and Nash were present.

Councilor Carney announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no members of the public present, there was no public comment.

3. MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2019

Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2019. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with 4 Yes, 0 No.

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

A. 19.124 Appointments to Various Committees – referred by City Council 7/11/2019

Arts Council

Eamonn Crowley-Edge, 56 Summer Street, Northampton

Term: July 2019-June 2022

Reappointment

Central Business Architecture Committee

Melissa Frydio, 123 South Street, #2, Northampton

Term: July 2019-June 2022

Reappointment

Bridget Goggins, 783 Bridge Road, Northampton- (Association of Realtors member)

Term: July 2019-June 2022

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Richard Abuza, 245 Chestnut Street, Florence

Term: July 2019-June 2022

Reappointment

Planning Board

Euripedes De Oliveira, 35 New South Street, #205, Northampton

Term: July 2019-June 2022

Reappointment

Councilor Carney said she reviewed the reappointment for Eamonn Crowley-Edge. He wrote that he was excited to be reappointed to the Arts Council, enjoys the work of the committee and sees all around the impact of bringing arts to the community. He believes supporting the community and the arts is important and views his service on the council as 'doing his part.' He is looking forward to continuing to serve and building on this service.

Councilor Bidwell moved a positive recommendation for Eamonn Crowley-Edge to the Arts Council. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by voice vote.

He spoke to Melissa Frydio, and she is very experienced as a construction manager and Owner's Project Manager (OPM); in fact she was very much involved in the Nielsen Library redevelopment for Smith College, Councilor Bidwell reported. She is now with her own firm. She would be moving from an alternate member to a full member of the Central Business Architecture Committee (CBAC). She has really enjoyed her time as an alternate and looks forward to serving as a permanent member.

Councilor Bidwell moved to forward the appointment of Melissa Frydio to the CBAC with a positive recommendation. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by voice vote.

He spoke to Bridget Goggins last week, Councilor Bidwell continued. She is one of Pat Goggins' daughters and recently moved back to Northampton to become involved in the family real estate business. She has a great deal of background in historic preservation and the arts. She has really enjoyed her time on the committee and looks forward to continuing. She has been particularly impressed with the new design guidelines being brought forward, he volunteered.

Councilor Bidwell moved to reappoint Bridget Goggins to the Central Business Architecture Committee (CBAC). Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

Councilor LaBarge said she had a lengthy talk with Richard Abuza, a candidate for reappointment to the Housing Partnership. Even though he is applying for reappointment, providing new

and maintaining the city's stock of existing affordable housing has always been a difficult challenge, he reported. She read the following written statement:

"Added to that, Northampton has a strong housing market, which makes providing new affordable housing even more challenging. In my three decades of service on the Northampton Housing Partnership (since its inception), I am keenly aware of the complexity of this task. I believe that my insight and experience on the Partnership has meaningfully contributed to our progress on this important work of providing housing opportunities for people across a broad range of income levels.

In addition, my experience as a general contractor and housing renovator has been a useful asset to bring to the Partnership's work. Also, my business experience as a professional property manager and provider of residential rental housing give me real world insight into the realities of the many of the processes at play, which also enhances our work on the Partnership. My experience in having run multiple retail businesses in our community also gives me a unique close connection and insight into that aspect of Northampton. These inter-related issues have bearing on the Partnership's tasks, including on our need to have this housing work broadly supported throughout the entire community.

I continue to look for ways to serve this community we all cherish. I hope to continue my service on the Housing Partnership to further this important work."

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the appointment of Richard Abuza to the Housing Partnership with a positive recommendation. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

Councilor Nash said he talked to Euripedes de Oliveira today. They had an interesting conversation, avoiding current topics before the Planning Board. They talked about Sergeant House, the Lumberyard and Valley CDC projects. His general comment was that the edge that he's always working has to do with the community's rights against the private property owner's rights. Councilor Nash really appreciated that he was bringing that perspective in, he shared.

De Oliveira sees himself as a pragmatist and likes to see things get done. He is also a professor at UMass and often encourages his students to come to Planning Board meetings. He found him very competent and just the kind of person he would like to see on the Planning Board.

Councilor Nash moved to forward the appointment of Mr. De Oliveira with a positive recommendation. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Schedule for October meeting/Councilor Nolan ceremony

Members discussed the schedule for the October 7, 2019 meeting, since former City Councilor Kevin Nolan is planning a media event in Council Chambers that day. Councilor Bidwell said he will be out of town. He suggested inviting former Ward 2 councilors Paul Spector and Frances Volkmann and asked the administrative assistant to relay this suggestion to the Mayor's office. He added that it would also be nice to include the candidate for election to Ward 2, Karen Foster.

B. Information Requests for Upcoming Meetings

Councilor LaBarge suggested inviting the director of senior services to the November meeting, and other members agreed. Other ideas included an update on economic development, but it was noted that this was more the purview of the Community Resources Committee.

6. **Adjourn**

Upon motion made by Councilor Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Nash, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2019, 4 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

Present: Councilor Maureen T. Carney, Chair
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, Vice Chair
Councilor James B. Nash

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Councilor Carney announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no members of the public present, there was no public comment.

3. MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2019 AND AUGUST 15, 2019

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2019 and August 15, 2019. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Councilor Bidwell).

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

A. 19.139 Appointments to Various Committees - referred by City Council 9/19/2019

Trust Fund Committee

Katherine Foote Newman, 697 Bridge Road, Northampton

Term: July 2019 to June 2022

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Reverend Todd Weir, 124 Moser Street, Northampton

Term: July 2019 to June 2022

Reappointment

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kathleen M. Elliott, 39A Florence Street, Leeds

Term: October 2019-June 2021

To fill the unexpired term of Carol Bertrand

Planning Board

Alan Verson, 508 Kennedy Road, Leeds (**Full Member**)

Term: October 2019-June 2022

To fulfill the unexpired term of Tess Perrone Poe

David Whitehill, 60 Washington Avenue, Northampton (**Associate Member**)

Term: October 2019-June 2021

To fulfill the unexpired term of Alan Verson

Councilor Nash said he had a text exchange with Katherine Foote Newman, who he knows from serving on the Finance Committee for Cutchins Programs for Children & Families. In terms of investments, [financial] products and the way the industry works, she is very competent. He likes that she will ask difficult questions and doesn't mind if people squirm a little. She is perfect for the trust committee; she is super competent with numbers and nothing gets by her.

Councilor Nash moved to forward the appointment of Katherine Foote Newman to the Trust Fund Committee with a positive recommendation. Councilor Carney seconded. The motion carried with two in favor, one absent (Councilor Bidwell) and one abstention (Councilor LaBarge).

Try as he might, he has not been able to have a conversation with Reverend Todd Weir regarding his appointment to the Housing Partnership, Councilor Nash reported. However, this is a reappointment for a well-known member of their community so he is hoping they can send forward his name with a positive recommendation. He so moved. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed with 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Councilor Bidwell).

Kathleen Elliott lives in Leeds and has grandchildren that participate in recreation department programs, Councilor LaBarge shared. Because of what she sees and where she lives, she feels she would love to be part of this commission.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the appointment of Kathleen Elliott to the Recreation Commission with a positive recommendation. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed with 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Councilor Bidwell).

Councilor Carney reviewed the appointments to the Planning Board. Alan Verson has been an associate member for years and is now recommended to fill the unexpired term of Tess Perrone Poe, she reminded. For review of Mr. Verson's qualifications, she referred councilors back to the committee's review of his application two years ago. City Services forwarded his appointment with a positive recommendation but, at the meeting of the full council two days later, Councilor O'Donnell expressed opposition to the appointment, she recalled. (According to the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting, the committee actually approved a neutral recommendation. Councilor O'Donnell was a member of the committee but not present.) Councilors heard from Mr. Verson and many people spoke to some of the issues raised by Councilor O'Donnell, including

whether opposition to an appointment is warranted when a councilor disagrees with a member's decisions. In any case, Mr. Verson spoke to them at length. She is happy to again put forth his name for a positive recommendation. She is grateful for the willingness of someone with Mr. Verson's experience and perspective to serve, she confirmed.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the appointment with a positive recommendation. Councilor Nash seconded.

In the interim, Mr. Verson was up for appointment to the Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC), and he can say from his experience on the TPC that he always does his homework and always asks good questions, Councilor Nash volunteered.

The motion passed unanimously with 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent (Councilor Bidwell).

Finally, she wasn't able to speak to Mr. Whitehill but she did review his application, Councilor Carney reported. He would be filling the unexpired term of Alan Verson as an associate member. He is an architect who has lived in Northampton for six years and works for Kliment Halsband Architects. Quoting from his application, she noted that he has a specialty in historic buildings, adaptive reuse, and complex zoning/landmarked sites. In addition, he professes an overriding interest in an urban future that focuses on: pedestrian-friendly environments, safe bike lanes, accessible sidewalks and streets, affordable and accessible housing, especially in the urban core, a safe and resilient city for all, maintenance and a dynamic future for historic buildings and integration of a new Preservation Plan with the new Sustainable Northampton Plan.

They are very fortunate to have people of such professional acumen, she suggested.

Councilor Nash moved to forward the name of David Whitehill with a positive recommendation. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0 with one absent (Councilor Bidwell).

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Carney reminded members they are scheduled to hold public hearings for two street acceptances at its next meeting. Members discussed advertising the hearings to begin at 4:30 p.m. to allow time beforehand for a presentation from the Senior Services Director.

6. **Adjourn**

Upon motion made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Nash, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL *CITY OF NORTHAMPTON* MASSACHUSETTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LAYING OUT OF PUBLIC WAY FOR ACCEPTANCE AS A CITY STREET

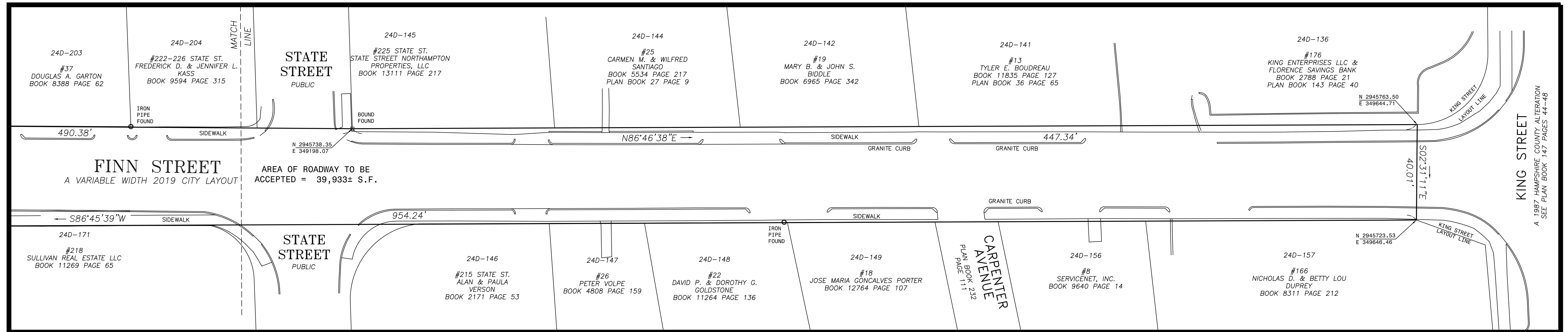
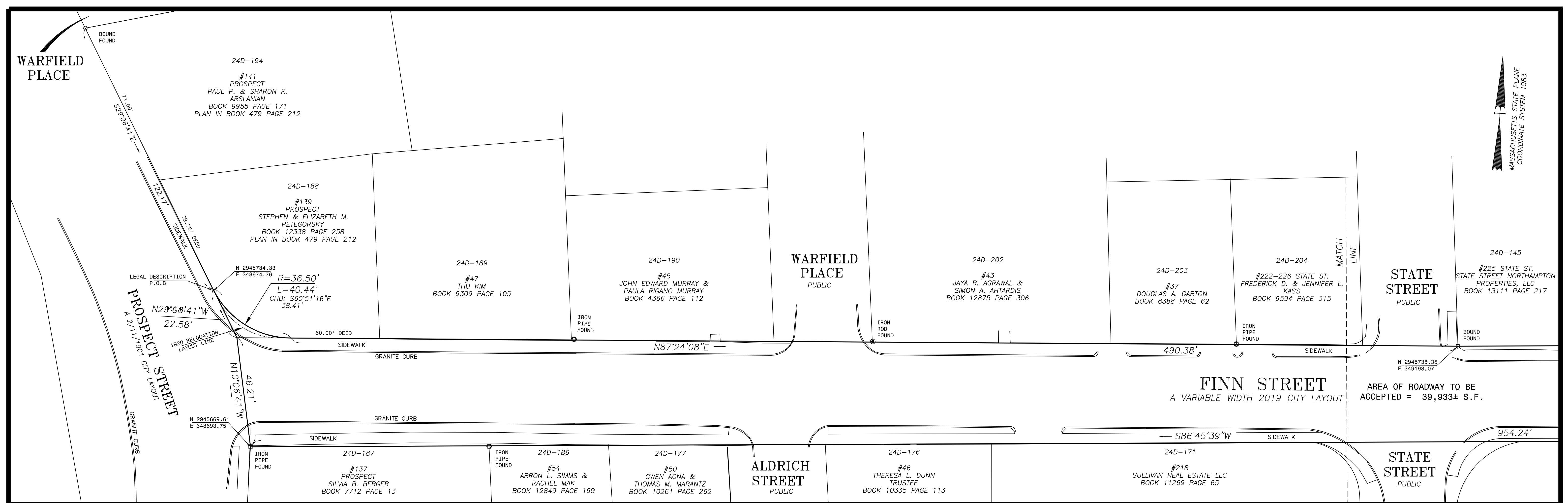
Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 21, the City Council Committee on City Services will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA to consider laying out the following as a public way:

- The portion of property consisting of 39,933+/- square feet and shown as 'Finn Street, A Variable Width 2019 City Layout' on "Street Acceptance Plan of Land in Northampton, Massachusetts Surveyed for The City of Northampton by Heritage Surveys, Inc. dated August 26, 2019."

A copy of the referenced plan may be viewed at the Department of Public Works, 125 Locust Street, Northampton, MA during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Any person interested or wishing to be heard regarding this application should appear at the time and place designated.

Laura Krutzler
Administrative Assistant to the City Council



PRELIMINARY

THIS PLAN SHOWS THE PROPERTY LINES THAT ARE THE LINES OF EXISTING OWNERSHIP, AND THE LINES OF STREETS AND WAYS SHOWN ARE THOSE OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREETS OR WAYS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND NO NEW LINES FOR DIVISION OF EXISTING OWNERSHIP OR FOR NEW WAYS ARE SHOWN. FURTHERMORE, THIS SURVEY AND PLAN WERE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS, AND THE PROCEDURAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FINN STREET
ACCEPTED BY VOTE OF
THE NORTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

DATE: _____
CITY COUNCIL CLERK: _____

LEGEND	
BOUND FOUND	□
IRON PIPE FOUND	○
IRON ROD FOUND	●

REGISTRY OF DEEDS
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND IN
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SURVEYED FOR
THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

SCALE: 1" = 20'

DATE: AUGUST 26, 2019

HERITAGE SURVEYS, INC.
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
COLLEGE HIGHWAY & CLARK STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 1
SOUTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
(413) 527-3600

DATE REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

JOB # 7404-160819 DWG # 7404finn MAP # 7404-190826

PETITION FOR STREET ACCEPTANCE

We, the undersigned, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, §21, petition the Northampton City Council to accept FINN STREET as a City Street.

Date: September 5, 2019

The following signatures by residents of the City of Northampton are provided in accordance with the City of Northampton Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land Section 290-65, Street Acceptance Plans, as last amended:

David K. Veleta DAVID K. VELETA 92 CAROLYN ST

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Dawn Nims DAWN NIMS 344 SOUTH ST.

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Kristie Barker Kristie Barker 156 Grove St

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Debra Laizer Debra Laizer 355 Acrebank, Flo

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Felix Harvey FELIX HARVEY 24 CORTKELLY ST, FLORENCE

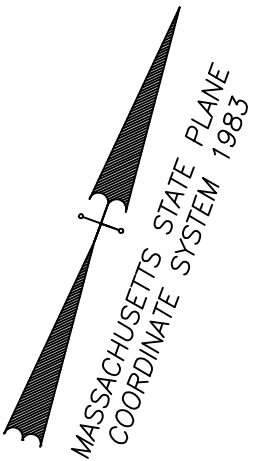
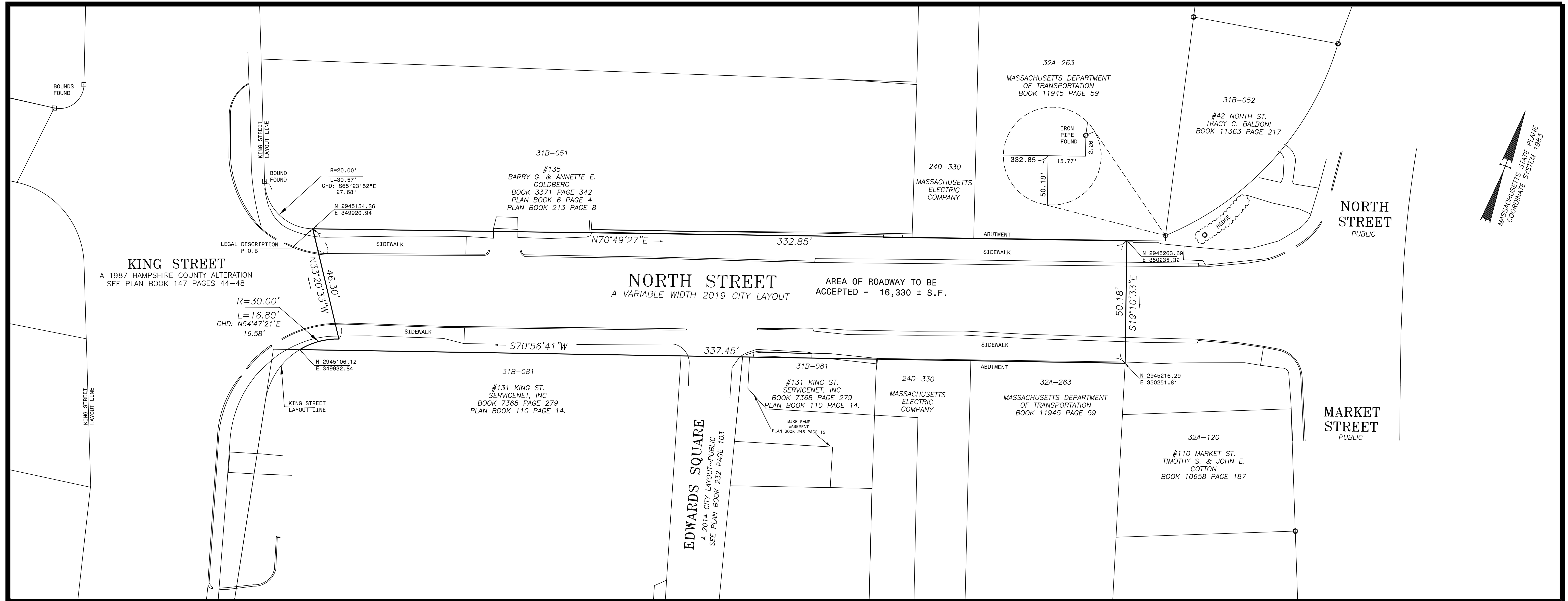
Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Beth A Willard Beth A Willard 165 N. Main St. Florence, MA

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Douglas McDonald Douglas McDonald 57 Naswood Ave. Florence, MA 01062

Signature Name (print) Resident Address



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NORTH STREET
ACCEPTED BY VOTE OF
THE NORTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

DATE: _____
CITY COUNCIL CLERK: _____

LEGEND	
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IRON PIPE FOUND	○
IRON ROD FOUND	●

DATE _____ REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

REGISTRY OF DEEDS HAMPSHIRE COUNTY	STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND IN NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS SURVEYED FOR THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON	
	SCALE: 1" = 20' DATE: AUGUST 28, 2019	
HERITAGE SURVEYS, INC. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS COLLEGE HIGHWAY & CLARK STREET POST OFFICE BOX 1 SOUTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS (413) 527-3600		
JOB # 7404-160819	DWG # 7404finn	MAP # 7404-190828

PETITION FOR STREET ACCEPTANCE

We, the undersigned, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, §21, petition the Northampton City Council to accept a portion of NORTH STREET as a City Street.

Date: September 5, 2019

The following signatures by residents of the City of Northampton are provided in accordance with the City of Northampton Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land Section 290-65, Street Acceptance Plans, as last amended:

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Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Kristine Baker Kristine Baker 156 Grove St

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Deborah L. Langer Deborah Langer 355 Acornbrook Dr., Flo

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Felix Harvey FELIX HARVEY 24 WORTLEIGH ST FLORENCE, MA

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Beth A. Willard Beth A. Willard 165 N. Main St Florence MA

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

Douglas McDonald Douglas McDonald 57 Neswood Ave,

Signature Name (print) Resident Address

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