

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 4, 2014

Upon the recommendation of the Conservation Commission

Ordered, that

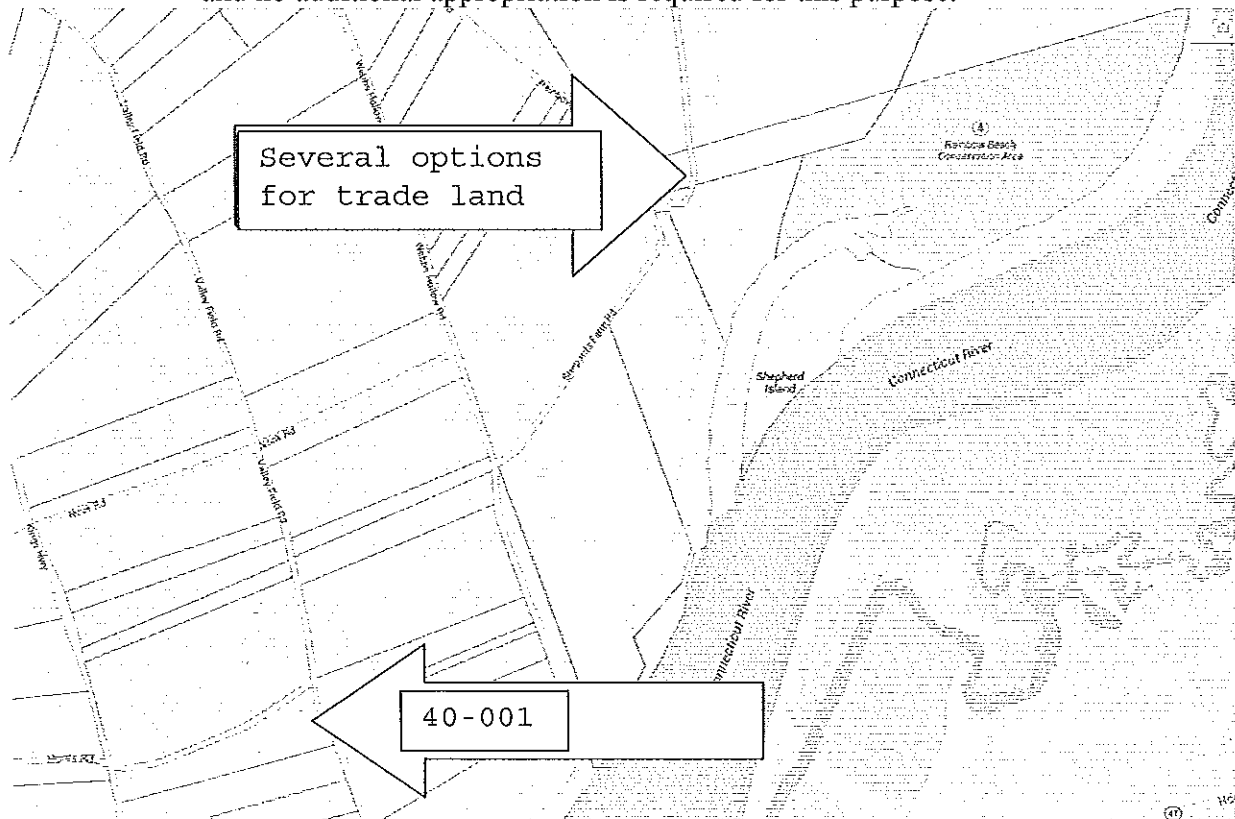
WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation and Multi-Use Plan: 2011-2018* recommends preserving farmland in the Meadows and improving public access to the Meadows;

WHEREAS, Peter B. Baye offered to sell a parcel of prime farmland in the Meadows on the south side of Hunts Road between King Highway and Walnut Tree Road (Map ID 40-001) totaling 7± acres for \$31,500;

WHEREAS, This acquisition will help allow the land to be remain in active agricultural production;

WHEREAS, This acquisition has the potential to be used as trade land to either preserve other farmland or help provide public access to Rainbow Beach on the Connecticut River;

WHEREAS, Funds will be drawn from CPA Conservation Fund, grants and community donations and no additional appropriation is required for this purpose.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the City is authorized to acquire this property to use for trade land; and

The City's Conservation Commission is authorized to transfer this land to a private owner for use as farmland either:

1. In return for land which could provide public access to Rainbow Beach; or
2. In return for an agriculture preservation restriction or conservation restriction on other land in the meadows; or
3. In return for funding at least equal to the purchase price of this land.

Further, the Conservation Commission is authorized to retain an agriculture preservation restriction or conservation restriction, as defined by MGL Chapter 184, Section 31, on this land prior to transferring it out, and that said restriction is hereby accepted.

That the Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, the Community Preservation Act, and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, any fee, easement or agriculture or conservation restriction as defined in Section 31 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws or any other interest in land that provides access to Rainbow Beach and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such restrictions; and that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant agriculture or conservation restrictions on any land so acquired.