In City Council, May 17, 2018

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

An Order

For Conservation Area Interpretive Signage, Northampton Historical Commission, $100,000

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Historical Commission submitted a CPA application for conservation of priority 1 gravestones at the Bridge Street, West Farms and Park Street Cemeteries;

WHEREAS, the priority stones were identified through an extensive preservation planning effort, and are in imminent danger of being lost forever;

WHEREAS, the project has a wide range of community support, and will augment ongoing efforts by the Department of Public Works to preserve Northampton’s historic cemeteries, which are a significant and important component of the City’s historic fabric;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 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 the Northampton Historical Commission for the Priority Historic Gravestone Conservation 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 Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932), and $11,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).