

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council*

September 22, 2021

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.321 An Order Authorizing the Lease of Rooftop Space on Bridge Street, Leeds, and Ryan Road  
Elementary Schools for Solar Photovoltaic Arrays

*Ordered, that*

Whereas, Mayor Narkewicz committed and City Council endorsed a goal for Northampton to be a net carbon neutral city by 2050, and

Whereas, installing solar photovoltaic arrays on school facilities will reduce greenhouse gas and carbon emissions resulting from school operations, and

Whereas, in order to avoid unnecessary cost, it is best practice that a roof that is slated to hold a solar photovoltaic array have sufficient life remaining so that re-roofing is unlikely to be needed during the lifetime of the solar array; and

Whereas, Bridge Street Elementary, Leeds Elementary, and Ryan Road Elementary Schools have all recently undergone roof replacements and thus re-roofing is unlikely to be needed during the lifetime of solar photovoltaic arrays installed on said roofs; and

Whereas, city residents Morey Phippen and Brian Adams, acting through Phippenadams, LLC, have generously offered to fund the installation of three solar photovoltaic arrays on the roofs of Bridge Street Elementary, Leeds Elementary, and Ryan Road Elementary Schools and a six-year lease is a condition precedent to the grant of the array as a gift to the city; and

Whereas, on September 9, 2021, the Northampton School Committee voted unanimously to surplus the three school roofs in support of this important renewable energy project; and

Whereas, M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16 requires a vote of the City Council to surplus any interest in public property prior to its disposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The City Council declares surplus a leasehold interest in the roofs of Bridge Street Elementary School located at 2 Parsons St, Northampton, Leeds Elementary School located at 20 Florence St, Leeds, and Ryan Road Elementary School located at 498 Ryan Rd, Northampton, and authorizes the Mayor to execute a six-year lease for said roofs on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems reasonable, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

- (1) The lessee will be responsible for the care, repair, and maintenance of the solar photovoltaic array for the duration of the lease.
- (2) At the conclusion of the lease, the lessee shall gift the solar photovoltaic array to the City of Northampton.