

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

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

21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road

WHEREAS, the *Open Space, Recreation, and Multi-Use Trail Plan: 2018-2025* recommends linking conservation areas along Broad Brook and the surrounding areas to enhance wildlife values and create a continuous Broad Brook Greenway.; and

WHEREAS, Gary Warner has offered to donate to the City a conservation restriction on 34+/- acres on North Farms Road adjoining land already permanently protected as part of the Broad Brook Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the project will ensure that the open fields and forests contained on the Premises will be permanently available for sustainable agriculture and forestry, and will create public access on a portion of the area for hiking, and will provide a connection from North Farms Road to the Greenway;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions; that the Conservation Commission is authorized to accept conservation restrictions on any land so acquired, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable. Any such restrictions shall be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and are found to be in the public interest pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

