

CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building**  
**212 Main Street, Northampton**  
**Meeting Date: January 5, 2017**  
**Meeting Time: 7:00pm**

**1. Public Comment**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Public Hearings**

**4. Recognition and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors**

**5. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor**

- A. Human Rights Commission Resolution supporting Northampton's  
recommitment to Sanctuary City status and the values of a Democratic  
nation**

**6. Resolutions**

**7. Presentations**

**8. Consent Agenda**

**9. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)**

**10. Financial Orders**

**A. 16.226 An Order to authorize expenditure of \$3,120 from Senior Services Gift Fund - 1st Reading**

Documents:

[16.226\\_Senior\\_Services\\_Gift\\_Fund.pdf](#)

**B. 16.227 An Order to authorize payment of a prior year bill in the amount of \$1,379 for legal work - 1st Reading**

Documents:

[16.227\\_Prior\\_Year\\_Bills\\_for\\_Jankowski\\_and\\_Spencer.pdf](#)

**C. 16.216 An Order to authorize the purchase of 5.5 acres on Burts Pit Road - 2nd Reading**

Documents:

[16.216\\_KaminskiAcquisitionOrder.pdf](#)

**D. 16.218 - 16.225 Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding - 2nd Reading**

16.218 An Order regarding Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway Improvements, Broad Brook Coalition and Leeds Civic Association: \$16,947

16.219 An Order regarding Burts Bog Affordable Housing and Open Space, Office of Planning and Sustainability: \$234,700

16.220 An Order regarding Broad Brook to Beaver Brook Acquisition, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$40,000

16.221 An Order regarding Connecticut River Greenway Improvements, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability: \$90,000

16.222 An Order regarding Hampshire County Courthouse Restoration, Hampshire Council of Governments: \$100,000

16.223 An Order regarding 51 Main Street

Historic Building Study, Smith Charities:  
\$10,000  
16.224 An Order regarding Mineral Hills  
Acquisition, Northampton Conservation  
Commission: \$240,000  
16.225 An Order regarding Conservation  
Fund, Northampton Conservation  
Commission: \$80,000

Documents:

16.218-16.225\_Cover\_Letter.pdf  
16.218\_bb-bb\_Improvements.pdf  
16.219\_Burts\_Bog.pdf  
16.220\_Broad\_Brook\_to\_Beaver\_Brook.pdf  
16.221\_Greenway\_Improvements.pdf  
16.222\_Courthouse\_Restoration.pdf  
16.223\_Smith\_Charities.pdf  
16.224\_Mineral\_Hills\_Open\_Space.pdf  
16.225\_Conservation\_Fund.pdf

## 11. Orders

### A. **16.228 An Order to declare surplus space at NHS for the purpose of leasing to public access television - 1st Reading**

Documents:

16.228\_Surplus\_NHS\_space\_for\_Public\_Access\_TV.pdf

### B. **16.229 An Order to authorize a five-year contract for ticket processing services - 1st Reading**

Documents:

16.229\_Five\_Year\_Contract\_for\_Ticket\_Processing\_Services.pdf

### C. **16.230 An Order to accept a storm drain easement on Holyoke Street - 1st Reading**

Documents:

16.230\_Order\_for\_VCDC\_Storm\_Drain\_EASEMENT.pdf

## 12. Ordinances

## 13. Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs

## 14. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests

## 15. New Business

Contact: P. Powers

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*In City Council* January 5, 2017

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**16.226**

**An Order**

**to authorize expenditure of \$3,120 from Senior Services Gift Fund**

*Ordered, that*

The following expenditure from the Senior Services Gift Fund (2522541-57806)  
be approved:

\$3,120 for 13 software licenses for use by seniors in the Senior Center  
computer room

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

January 5, 2017

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**16.227**

**An Order**

**to authorize payment of a prior year bill in the amount of \$1,379 for legal work**

BE IT ORDERED

that the Council authorize payment of a prior fiscal year bill (FY2016) in the amount of \$1,379 to Jankowski and Spencer, P.C. for legal work relative to a land acquisition project.

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*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Conservation Commission*

16.216

An Order

To authorize the purchase of 5.5 acres on Burts Pit Road

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2011-2018* recommends preserving open space on Burts Pit Road to preserve Northampton's only bog and rare species habitat and provide for a multiuse trail to serve the area;

WHEREAS, the City Council has already approved the purchase of 110+/- acres on Burts Pit Road, Stone Ridge Road and Overlook Drive for the purposes of habitat preservation as well as creation of affordable housing;

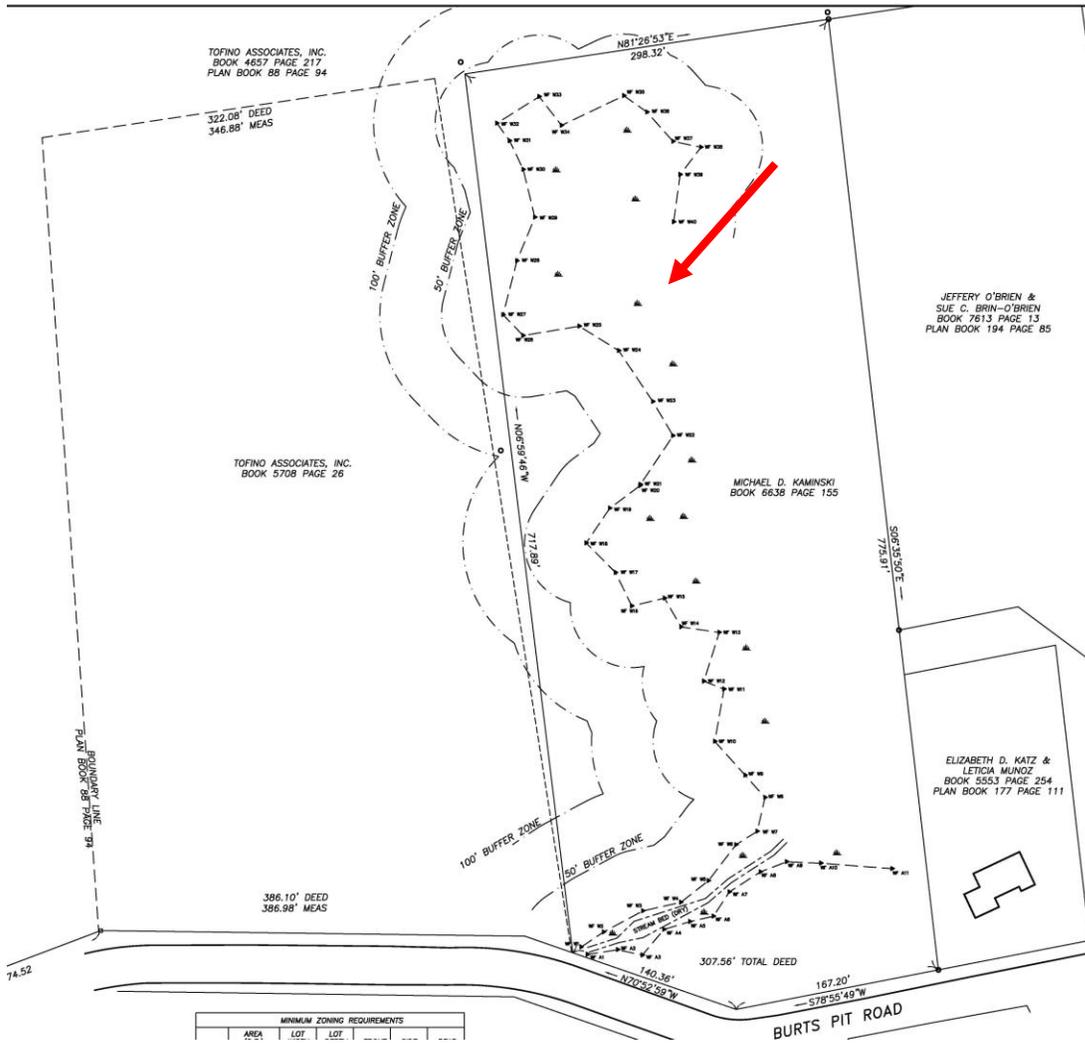
WHEREAS, Burt's Bog is an environmentally and historically important location that also provides opportunities for trail and habitat connections;

WHEREAS, Michael D. Kaminski has offered to sell 5.5 acres +/- on Burts Pit Road directly adjacent to the Burts Bog acquisition (Map 29-007) for \$110,000

WHEREAS, no general fund appropriation is requested;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

The City of Northampton, through its Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement, and/or any other interest in the above land for the purposes of open space preservation and creation of a multiuse recreational trail. The Mayor is authorized to grant a conservation restriction (per M.G.L. C. 184 Section 31) on said land.





*City of Northampton  
Community Preservation Committee  
210 Main Street, City Hall  
Northampton, MA 01060*

December 9, 2016

William H. Dwight  
City Council President  
210 Main Street, Room 16  
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding

Chairman Dwight and City Councilors,

In January, 2016 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing project proposals submitted for CPA funding. After extensive review including applicant presentations, public comment sessions and deliberation, the CPC unanimously voted to recommend eight funding requests totaling \$811,647. Collectively, these projects will leverage over 1.8 million dollars from other funding sources, including state and federal grants, private contributions, and volunteer work.

Complete CPA applications that include detailed information about each project recommended are available at <http://archive.northamptonma.gov/weblink/0/fol/540723/Row1.aspx>, and meeting minutes, information about the CPA, and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage: [www.northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee](http://www.northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee).

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, the Committee's recommendations, or if additional information is needed.

**Projects Recommended for Funding:**

**16.218 Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway Improvements, Broad Brook Coalition and Leeds Civic Association: \$16,947**

These funds will be used create trails, a wildlife viewing blind, picnic tables and interpretive signage to increase public accessibility to the Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway on Haydenville Road: Broad Brook Coalition and the Leeds Civic Association will be donating significant volunteer efforts to make this project happen.

**16.219 Burts Bog Affordable Housing and Open Space, Office of Planning and Sustainability: \$234,700**

This acquisition will add 120 acres of priority open space to the Burts Bog area (formerly Brookwood Marsh), as well as create three affordable building lots. This project has also received a \$256,256 state grant.

**16.220 Broad Brook to Beaver Brook Acquisition, Northampton Conservation**

**Commission: \$40,000**

This acquisition will protect 18 acres on North Farms Road. It represents the first connection from Fitzgerald Lake and the Broad Brook Greenway all the way west to Haydenville Road, and will create new opportunities for access to Beaver Brook/Broad Brook.

**16.221 Connecticut River Greenway Improvements, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability: \$90,000**

CPA funds will be used to complete improvements to the Connecticut River Greenway access on Damon Road, including completion of paving and dock improvements to make the River more accessible to those with disabilities. CPA funds will be used as the local match to a \$90,000 federal grant.

**16.222 Hampshire County Courthouse Restoration, Hampshire Council of Governments: \$100,000**

CPA funds will contribute to the ongoing restoration of the historic Main Street Courthouse. Planned work includes preservation of the tower to address serious deterioration. These funds will be used to match state funding, and potential contributions from other communities.

**16.223 51 Main Street Historic Building Study, Smith Charities: \$10,000**

These funds will allow Smith Charities to conduct a historic study of the unique, Pratt-designed Smith Charities' Building at 51 Main Street. The Charities have operated out of this historic building since its construction, and the study is a critical first step in prioritizing historic preservation needs.

**16.224 Mineral Hills Acquisition, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$240,000**

CPA funds will be used to protect 53 acres on Glendale Road and Route 66. Previously approved as a 25-lot subdivision, the area includes a coldwater stream, and many opportunities for connecting trails. Though not funded through the CPA, the project also includes creation of four affordable housing lots.

**16.225 Conservation Fund, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$80,000**

CPA funds will make possible increased acquisition or protection of open space parcels in Northampton by supporting fast action on time-sensitive opportunities to protect our valuable open spaces. The Conservation Fund has been used successfully in the past to help facilitate the purchase of many key open space parcels totaling hundreds of acres.

Thank you,

Brian Adams  
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

16.218

An Order

*Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway Improvements, Broad Brook  
Coalition and Leeds Civic Association: \$16,947*

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Broad Brook Coalition and Leeds Civic Association submitted a CPA application for rehabilitation of a six acre portion of the Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway, including a wildlife blind, trails, picnic tables and habitat improvements;

WHEREAS, the project has a great deal of public support, and will increase public accessibility to a unique conservation area;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will leverage the volunteer work of members of the Broad Brook Coalition and Leeds Civic Association, two of the City's valued open space partners;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$16,947 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$16,947 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Broad Brook Coalition and Leeds Civic Association for the Beaver Brook/Broad Brook rehabilitation project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$16,947 is appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

**City of Northampton**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

*16.219*

*An Order*

*Burts Bog Affordable Housing and Open Space, Office of Planning and Sustainability: \$234,700*

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for the Burt's Bog project to create three affordable homeownership lots, as well as permanently protect 120 acres of critical open space;

WHEREAS, the housing lots will be restricted to individuals and families earning 100% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, Burt's Bog is an environmentally and historically important location that also provides opportunities for trail and habitat connections;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used as a match for \$256,256 in state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity grant funds;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, the Housing Needs Assessment, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan to provide affordable housing, protect open space, and provide for passive recreation;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$234,700 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$234,700 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Burts Bog project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$150,000 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933), and \$84,700 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Fund Reserve (account #2344930-359930)

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

16.220

An Order

**Broad Brook to Beaver Brook Acquisition, Northampton Conservation  
Commission: \$40,000**

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of a 18-acre parcel to add to the Broad Brook Greenway.

WHEREAS, this parcel will serve as the first connection from Fitzgerald Lake west to the Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway.

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan to protect open space and provide for passive recreation.

WHEREAS, the parcel provides opportunities for trail connections from Haydenville Road to Fitzgerald Lake, and will increase access opportunities to the Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Greenway.

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$40,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$40,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Northampton Office of Planning and

Sustainability for the Broad Brook Connection project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$40,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

16.221

An Order

Connecticut River Greenway Improvements, Northampton Office of  
Planning and Sustainability: \$90,000

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for completion of necessary paving and installation of an accessible boarding pier at the Connecticut River Greenway Riverfront Park;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan regarding continued development of a park and boathouse with riverfront access;

WHEREAS, significant public and private funds have already been invested in the site, and the project will allow more people to access the River;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used as the local match for a \$90,000 federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used first for pier accessibility and paving to match accessible sidewalk elevations, and then to complete paving on the rest of the site;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$90,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$90,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Connecticut River Greenway project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$90,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

16.222

An Order

*Hampshire County Courthouse Restoration, Hampshire Council of Governments: \$100,000*

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Hampshire Council of Governments submitted a CPA application for stabilization and preservation of the Hampshire County Courthouse;

WHEREAS, the project provides a broad public benefit to the Citizens of Northampton and the region by preserving a historically important civic building;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will only be used as a match for state Capital Bond Bill funds.

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, 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 Hampshire Council of Governments for the Hampshire County Courthouse Restoration project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$100,000 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).



**City of Northampton**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

**16.223**

**An Order**

**51 Main Street Historic Building Study, Smith Charities: \$10,000**

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Smith Charities submitted a CPA application for a historic building study of the Smith Charities Building at 51 Main Street;

WHEREAS, the Smith Charities have operated continuously since 1865 from the building, which was designed by noted architect William Fenno Pratt, and is located within the Downtown National Register Historic District;

WHEREAS, the study will identify the most critical needs for future restoration and rehabilitation of the building to ensure that it will remain a unique part of the downtown streetscape in the future;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$10,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$10,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Smith Charities for the Smith Charities Building historic study. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$10,000 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).



**City of Northampton**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, December 15, 2016*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

16.224

An Order

Mineral Hills Acquisition, Northampton Conservation Commission, \$240,000

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of a 53 acre parcel in the southern Mineral Hills;

WHEREAS, this is an environmentally important location that includes a coldwater stream, and will provide opportunities for trail and habitat connections;

WHEREAS, the threat of residential development exists in an area that is not an appropriate location, resulting in lost wildlife protection opportunities;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan to protect open space and provide for passive recreation, and will also create affordable housing opportunities;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$240,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$240,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Mineral Hills to Barnes Aquifer Open Space Acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$150,000 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931), and \$90,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

**City of Northampton**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, December 15, 2015*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

16.225

An Order

Conservation Fund, Northampton Conservation Commission: \$80,000

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for the Conservation Fund.

WHEREAS, the fund makes possible increased acquisition or protection of open space parcels in Northampton by supporting fast action on time-sensitive real estate opportunities.

WHEREAS, the project may leverage additional public and/or private funds

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Northampton Sustainability Plan for protection of open space and agricultural lands.

WHEREAS, the applicant has used these funds effectively in the past towards the protection of several hundred acres of open space, reflecting the goals established by the Community Preservation Committee.

WHEREAS, all land purchases will be reviewed and approved by the Conservation Commission and the City Council.

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2016, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$80,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$80,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Fund. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$80,000 is allocated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930)

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council* \_\_\_\_\_ January 5, 2017

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**16.228**

**An Order**

**to declare surplus space at NHS for the purpose of leasing to public access television**

*Ordered, that*

WHEREAS, the School Department has leased out space at Northampton High School to Northampton Cable TV (NCTV) since 2006 and currently has a lease with NCTV ending August 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, before the space can be leased again, the School Committee and the City Council must vote to declare that the space is not needed for school department purposes, and the School Department must obtain permission from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to lease the surplus space;

WHEREAS; School Administrators feel there is substantial benefits to the students to having a public access television station located in the building;

WHEREAS; an RFP will be issued to lease the space for public access television purposes;

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

Ordered that,

the space at Northampton High School currently occupied by NCTV is declared surplus and available to be leased for public access television purposes for a period not to exceed ten years.

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council* \_\_\_\_\_ January 5, 2017

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**16.229**

**An Order**

**to authorize a five-year contract for ticket processing services**

*Ordered, that*

Whereas, ticket processing services are a necessity to efficiently operate our parking enforcement program;

Whereas, a five year contract is necessary for continuity and consistency for ticket processing services, and provides the best value to the City,

*Now therefore be it ordered,*

That the Treasurer/Collector's Parking Enforcement Division is authorized to enter into a five-year contract for provision of ticket processing services.



## City of Northampton

### Massachusetts

*In City Council,* January 5, 2017

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

#### 16.230

#### An Order

#### to accept a storm drain easement on Holyoke Street

***Ordered, that***

- WHEREAS, A brick Market Street to Mill River storm sewer, built in circa 1846, is located on the property that was formerly the site of Northampton Lumber Company at Pleasant and Holyoke Streets, shown as Parcel 171 on Assessors Map 32C, and now or formerly owned by Gail M. Labarge (“Northampton Lumber Property”); and
- WHEREAS, The storm sewer has no recorded easement where it crosses the Northampton Lumber Property; and
- WHEREAS, The City received a MassWorks grant that will allow us to replace 310 feet of that storm sewer, both replacing legacy infrastructure and leveraging economic development; and
- WHEREAS, Valley Community Development Corporation, which is under contract to purchase the Northampton Lumber Property, has offered to donate an easement for the replacement storm sewer system on that property;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the City of Northampton City Council authorizes the Mayor to acquire by gift storm drain easements in, on and under the Northampton Lumber Property on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems advisable.

