

Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

Councilor David A. Murphy, Chair

Councilor Maureen T. Carney

Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Councilor James Nash

**City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
Northampton, MA**

Meeting Date: December 15, 2016

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting will take place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:05 pm.

1. Meeting Called To Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting

A. Approve Minutes Of November 17, 2016 Meeting.

Documents:

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4. Financial Orders

A. 16.216 An Order To Authorize The Purchase Of 5.5 Acres On Burts Pit Road

Documents:

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B. 16.218 - 16.225 Community Preservation Committee Recommendations For Funding

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

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

**16.220 Broad Brook to Beaver Brook Acquisition,
Northampton Conservation Commission: \$80,000**

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

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

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

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

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

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5. New Business

-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

6. Adjourn

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Meeting Date: November 17, 2016

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Meeting Called To Order:** Councilor Murphy called the meeting order at 8:15 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** On a roll call the following councilors were present: Councilors Murphy, LaBarge, Nash and Carney. Also present from the City Council were Councilors Dwight, Klein, Bidwell, O'Donnell and Sciarra.
- 3. Approve Minutes Of October 20, 2016**

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Councilor Nash).

- 4. Approve Committee's Calendar For 2017**

Councilor Murphy reviewed the meeting schedule for 2017. Generally the meetings held on Thursdays correspond to dates of City Council meetings. For financial matters that need to be discussed outside of the City Council meetings the Committee may meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Councilor LaBarge motioned to eliminate December 26, 2017 from the Committee's schedule; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the amended calendar dates; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

The 2017 meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday, January 5, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, February 2, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, March 2, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 6, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, May 4, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, June 1, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, July 13, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 @ 5pm
Thursday, August 17, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, August 22, 2017 @ 5 pm
Thursday, September 7, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 @ 5 pm
Thursday, October 5, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 5 pm
Thursday, November 2, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2017 during City Council meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2017 @ 5 pm
Thursday, December 7, 2017 during City Council meeting
Thursday, December 21, 2017 during City Council meeting

5. Financial Orders

16.196 An Order To Purchase 20.7 +/- Acres On Water Street In Leeds

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 yes, 0 No.

Planning and Sustainability Director Wayne Feiden explained that this is property in Leeds; the City has owned sections of Mineral Hills Conservation land for 30 years; Council recently approved the purchase of land on Reservoir Road about 6 months ago; this proposed purchase is the last piece of land that the City

is trying to fill in. The homes on Water Street are privately owned; this section of land is behind the back yards of the privately owned property. There is a new small project on Reservoir Road close to Musante Beach where this tract of land would abut. The tract is surrounded by conservation land on the other two sides.

Councilor LaBarge inquired about what land the current owner would not be selling to the City. Director Feiden stated that the owners own a house on Water Street; they intend to keep about 0.5 acres around the house. In addition, they will be selling 6 acres to a land owner to the north of the land proposed by this order.

Councilor Sciarra commented that this order does not state "below assessed value". She compared this order to two other orders before the Committee tonight where this was stated. Director Feiden explained that this selling price does necessarily reflect assessed valuations. The proposed parcel includes a building lot on Water Street. If you value the building lot and the land the City will be paying well below market price.

Councilor Murphy asked whether Director Feiden could provide details on the map showing where the seven acres not included in the purchase is located. Director Feiden indicated that a sketch could be provided; however, the City is in the process of hiring a surveyor so an exact map would not be possible at this time.

16.197 An Order To Purchase 55 +/- Acres On The Easterly Side Of Coles Meadow Road With Easement

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Director Feiden explained that this property is part of the Broad Brook watershed across from Coles Meadow Road. It is away from a majority of the land that the City already owns. The property has frontage on Linseed Road in Hatfield; however the City does not want to own land in Hatfield. Therefore, from Linseed Road to the Northampton town line the City would be acquiring an easement for the public to pass on this land. The land in Northampton would be acquired to extend protection in the watershed area.

16.198 An Order To Purchase 30.7 Acres In The Mineral Hills Conservation Area

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Director Feiden explained that a lot of land has been purchased along Turkey Hill Road for conservation purposes with City Council support. The Council has also approved buying additional land south of Route 66. All of the land purchased is considered part of the Mineral Hills Conservation area even though the land owned by the City is not continuous. There is a clear plan to purchase more land to make it

continuous in the future. The land proposed by this order is a key connector between land to the north and south of this area. The Nature Conservancy supports having a continuous piece of land to allow migration of wildlife.

Councilor LaBarge asked if the owners of the property approached the City or if the City approached the landowner. Director Feiden stated that the City approached the property owner. Councilor LaBarge wondered if homes could be built on the property; Director Feiden explained that one home could be built on this property. The current property owners bought a piece of land to protect their view. The City is buying the building lot plus the backland. This backland has very little value. Director Feiden explained that the City will not be building on the property and the current owners will retain a scenic easement. This will give them the right to cut trees.

Councilor Dwight asked if the owner obtained a DCR grant to thin trees on the property who would own the felled trees. Director Feiden explained that the owner only obtained a scenic easement. The City will retain the right to do forest management.

Councilor Bidwell asked about the numbered x's on the map; Director Feiden stated that the x's correspond to GPS coordinates. Councilor Bidwell asked whether Director Feiden could provide an overall map showing where the City owned land in the Mineral Hills area. Councilor Murphy also asked that the map identify where the land is located.

Councilor Murphy asked if this was the last piece of land that the City would be purchasing in this calendar year. Director Feiden explained that in order for these deals to move forward, the City Council needs to provide approval. None of the purchases would close this calendar year. Councilor Murphy asked if it were possible to provide a total of how much land the City bought that resulted in taking it out of the City's tax rolls. Director Feiden noted that this particular property is chapter 61 B so from a property standpoint there is not a lot of tax being paid.

Councilor LaBarge wondered if a survey had been done on the properties that the Committee reviewed tonight. Director Feiden explained that a survey has not yet been done on any of the properties; however, a survey is always done before the property is purchased. The survey is usually done after City Council has taken a vote to authorize the purchase. For the land that is the subject of this order, the perimeter of the land has already been completed. All that is required is a survey between what the property owner is keeping and what the City is purchasing.

16.199 An Order To Approve Budgetary Transfers In The Health Department

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Finance Director Susan Wright explained that Health Director Merridith O'Leary would like to pay for a temporary person to come in and scan Title 1 documents for record keeping.

16.200 An Order To Approve Payment Of A Prior Year Bill For The DPW

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Finance Director Susan Wright explained that bill was for a routine soil test. There are plans to work with the DPW to tighten up year-end bill paying process.

16.201 An Order To Appropriate \$7,500 To Pay For Services Related To Roofing Replacement Schematic Design Feasibility Study For Bridge Street Elementary School

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

This order and the one that follows are for the Phase 2 of the roof replacement projects at Bridge Street and Leeds Elementary Schools. This is the third time that a Phase 2 order has come before the City Council. This is because the MSBA program is being used. Under this program each step in the process has certain thresholds that the City must meet. All of the monies thus far in Phase 2 are coming from leftover monies from Phase 1.

Councilor Nash asked whether both Phase 2 projects would be coming out of the same account; Director Wright indicated that they were.

16.202 An Order To Appropriate \$7,500 To Pay For Services Related To Roofing Replacement Schematic Design Feasibility Study For Leeds Elementary School

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

16.203 An Order To Surplus Property Located At 221 Riverside Drive (Feiker School)

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Narkewicz explained that the order was written to give the history of the building; recently there was an issue about renewing a lease for the Nonotuck daycare. After signing of the lease took place the City was approached to see if the City would sell the building. The School Committee was comfortable with selling the building; this order would allow the Mayor to put together an RFP and put the building up for sale for fair market value. There will be a restriction that it be kept for early childhood education use for a minimum of 25 years. The new owner would also need to honor the existing lease. As is customary for City property, the RFP will also include a P.I.L.O.T. provision as well.

Councilor Dwight reflected that once the Feiker School closed, the School Committee had decided that an appropriate use would be for an early childhood education program that coincided with an early education program in the City as well.

Councilor Nash wondered how binding the words, “use for early child hood education” would be. Mayor Narkewicz indicated that this will be part of the RFP and it will be fairly binding. The City does have a limit that the provisions could not be binding for more than 30 years. Councilor Bidwell wondered if the language were restrictive enough; Mayor Narkewicz noted that there will also be a provision that the Community Room be made available for use by members of the community. Councilor Bidwell asked what the disposition of the funds is once the property sells; Mayor Narkewicz indicated that the funds would be placed in a sale of land account. In the past the money would be utilized for a capital project most likely for the school department. The City cannot use it for operating expenses.

Councilor Klein wondered about the P.I.L.O.T. program. The Mayor indicated that adding this language is a practice that the City has had when preparing other RFPs to sell property, the objective is to get it on the tax rolls or to seek a P.I.L.O.T. agreement. There has been precedent in doing this.

16.204 An Order To Approve Inter-Municipal Agreements For Paramedic Intercept Services & PVTA Services

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order back to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Narkewicz explained that under MGL any time two municipalities enter into agreement with each other a vote needs to be taken first by the City Council. This order will update existing agreements with smaller communities. The City is also entering into a pilot program with PVTA through the Senior Services department. The City is one of four communities that were selected to pilot a senior transportation program. The Senior Center has already been working on this to increase its transportation capabilities. PVTA will be providing technical assistance, vehicles, and training. The Senior Center staff is in the process of getting trained on the dispatcher and driving requirements. There is already a small transportation program at the Senior Center which provides rides to medical appointments and shopping. This would allow the Center to expand this program.

Councilor Klein asked about how the agreement will work for mutual aid. Mayor Narkewicz indicated that this agreement is different than mutual aid because this is for a very specialized service that requires a level of certification that some of the towns don't have. The agreement will help communities provide a level of care that they may not have 24 hours/7 days a week. This is a recognized practice that has been going on for many years. The City will be contracting with different communities to provide a service, and not mutual aid.

Councilor Dwight explained that ambulance charges are generally billed out while other emergency services, such as Fire Rescue or Police services are not billed.

6. New Business – None

7. **Adjourn:** At 9:06 p.m. Councilor LaBarge moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

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;

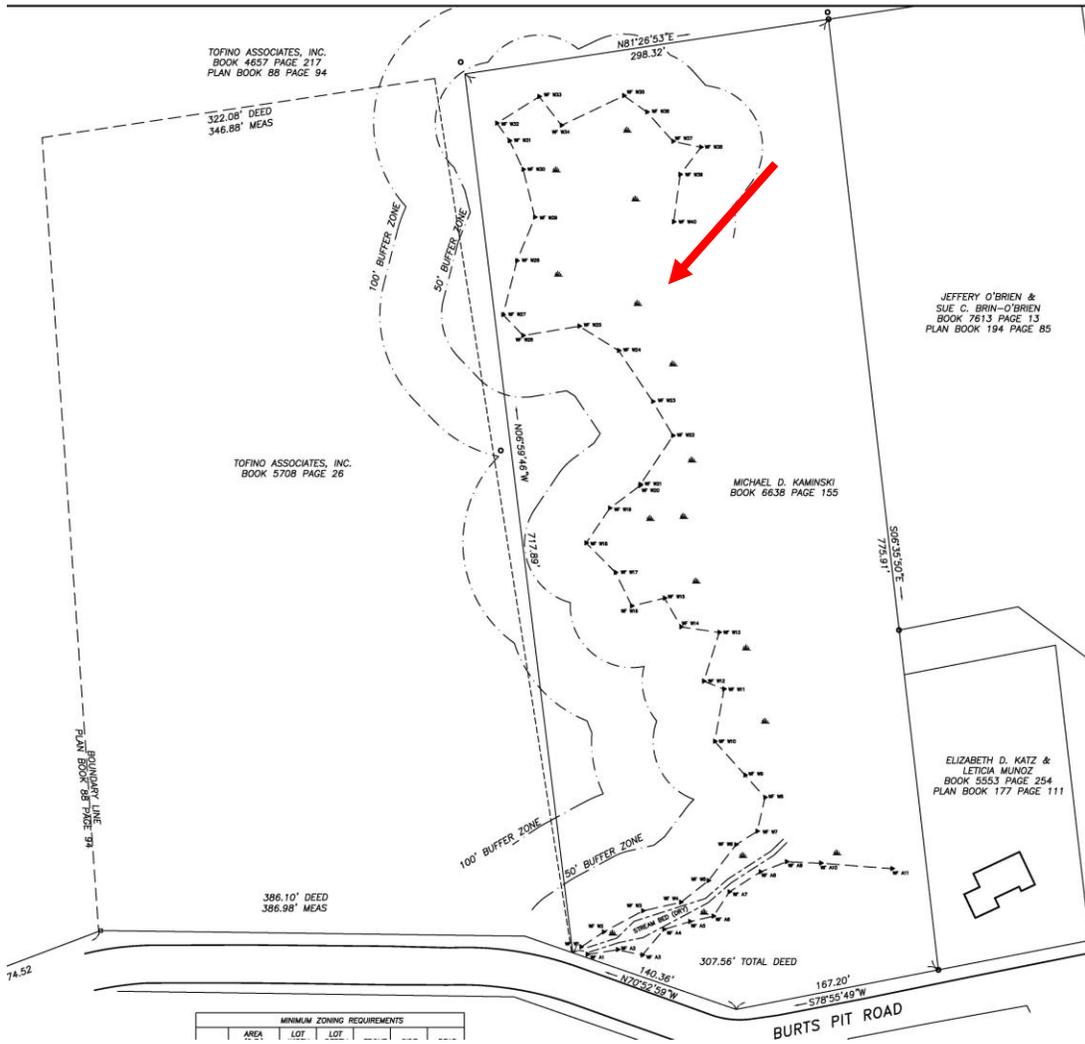
WHEREAS, Burt's Bog is an environmentally and historically important location that also provides opportunities for trail and habitat connections;

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.

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
MASSACHUSETTS

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
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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
MASSACHUSETTS

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
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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)

