

# City of Northampton

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## *In City Council, June 18, 2020*

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

### **20.075 An Order to Purchase Land on Boggy Meadow Road to Add to the Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway**

#### **Ordered, that**

WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan: 2018-2025* recommends “preserving ecologically valuable land and filling gaps at ... Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway”;

WHEREAS, The City has an option to purchase up to 53± acres off Boggy Meadow Road from the Wilbur family (Map ID 18-001) which contains rich wetlands and upland habitat, trail opportunities, and would fill a major gap in the adjacent Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway;

#### ***Ordered, that***

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise 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 grant conservation restrictions and related easements on any land so acquired; and that the Conservation Commission is authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state, or other aid available for this project, including any grant from the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, under the LAND/Self-Help Act, MGL Chapter 132A, §11, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable;

Further Ordered: That \$150,000 is appropriated for such acquisition; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow \$150,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws; that the Mayor and/or the Conservation Commission are authorized to apply for and expend any federal, state, or other aid available for this project, including any grant from the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs under the LAND Self-Help Act, Chapter 132A, Section 11 of the General Laws, provided that the amount of the borrowing authorized by this vote shall be reduced by any such grants or aid received for the project; and that any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds, may be applied to the payment of costs of the project approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws and thereby reduce the amount of the authorized borrowing by a like amount.