

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 21, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, the Office of Planning and Sustainability, and the Department of Parks and Recreation

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation and Multi-Use Plan: 2011-2018* recommends **expanding Sheldon Field Recreation Area;**

WHEREAS, John J. and Karen A. Bobala have offered to sell 4.5± acres **off Old Ferry Road** near the northerly end of Sheldon Field Recreation Area (Map ID 25-063) for **\$30,000;**

WHEREAS, The land is currently farmed and will remain in farmland until needed for recreation;

WHEREAS, All funds will be drawn from CPA funds, community contributions and grants. No general fund appropriation is requested or required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the City of Northampton, through its Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement, and/or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land, including land between the above land and the existing Sheldon Field, provided however that the city reserves right to lease the land for farming not therefore subject to Article 97;

The Mayor is authorized to grant a conservation restriction (per M.G.L. C.184, Section 31) on said land;

The City Council finds the right to farm the land surplus to city needs and authorizes the Mayor to lease the land for farming purposes for terms of up to eighteen years.

