

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).