

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

September 20, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.168 An Order
to Authorize Gift Acceptance from Eversource for Culvert on Park Hill Road

Whereas, an existing culvert located on Park Hill Road between Autumn Drive and Whittier Street is undersized and in disrepair; and

Whereas, the culvert is located on a tributary to an ecologically-important stream and is listed as a priority culvert for replacement for the State to provide terrestrial and aquatic species connectivity between upstream and downstream stream and wetland areas, improve habitat to a Cold Water Fishery stream, increase flood-period hydraulic conveyance, and improve the condition of the culvert to minimize City-required maintenance; and

Whereas, in August, 2018, the Northampton Department of Public Works received a grant for engineering design services from the Massachusetts Department of Ecological Resources for which engineering design for the culvert replacement will be completed using the Massachusetts Stream Crossing Standards; and

Whereas, the Northampton Department of Public Works has been offered material, labor, and construction oversight services for the replacement of the Park Hill Road culvert, associated paving and relocation of a water main to accommodate the new culvert donated from Eversource Energy; and

Whereas, Massachusetts General Laws ch. 44 s.53A1/2 provides that acceptance of gifts of tangible personal property requires a vote of the City Council and approval of the Mayor; and

Now Therefore Be It Ordered,

The City Council hereby authorizes the Northampton Department of Public Works to accept the gift from Eversource Energy of material, labor and construction oversight services for the culvert replacement of the Park Hill Road culvert, associated paving and relocation of a water main to accommodate the new culvert.