

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 16, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

20.010 An Order
to Appropriate CPA Funds to Community Builders for North Commons Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The Community Builders submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of affordable housing units at the North Commons project;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Village Hill Apartments, the project will create approximately 65 units of mixed income rental housing at Village Hill on two parcels, and 35 of these will be restricted to households and individuals earning 60% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, playgrounds and approximately 30 acres of open space are part of the project and will be open and available for use by the public;

WHEREAS, The Community Builders has an excellent record of providing affordable housing in Northampton and beyond;

WHEREAS, the project will leverage funds from a variety of other sources and has wide community support;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$250,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$250,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to The Community Builders for the North Commons project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$142,000 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933), and \$108,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).