

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

In City Council, February 4, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Department of Public Works

21.191 An Order to Acquire Land on Nash Hill Road in Williamsburg for Water Supply Protection

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The City of Northampton owns a surface drinking water supply in the town of Whately which is surrounded by watershed land owned by both the City and private property owners, and;

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the City to acquire privately held parcels within this watershed as they become available for sale to protect its drinking water supply, and;

WHEREAS, Certain parcels of land within the watershed are available for acquisition, and it is in the interest of the City to acquire the parcels for watershed protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED,

That the City Council authorizes the acquisition by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee interest in one parcel of land containing 14.79 acres, more or less, located on Nash Hill Road in Williamsburg and shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Williamsburg, Massachusetts Prepared for Northampton Dept of Public Works,” dated December 16, 2020, by Holmberg & Howe Land Surveyors. This acquisition is for the purpose of the sanitary protection of the West Whately Reservoir, part of the City of Northampton’s Water Supply. The parcels shall be held in the custody and control of the Department of Public Works.

Further, that no appropriation is necessary for the acquisition of the easement authorized hereunder inasmuch as sufficient funds for this acquisition have been appropriated in Water Enterprise 61523-581000-11 – Land.