

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fitchburg was held in the Memorial Middle School Library, 615 Rollstone St., Fitchburg, on January 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Michael Kushmerek at 7:09 P.M. The Clerk called the roll and eleven (11) Councillors were present. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag led by Councillor Couture.

Noted for the record:

For the Record

FATV was recording the audio and video of the meeting.

Records

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

The Committee on records reported the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 6, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2020, were correctly recorded. Report accepted and minutes adopted.

COMMUNICATION

Communication
His Honor the
Mayor
Re-Appointment
Letters

His Honor the Mayor
Re-Appointment Letters

- 1. Mr. Paul F. Fontaine, Jr., as a member of the Planning Board, term to expire January 1, 2023.



The City of Fitchburg
FITCHBURG CITY CLERK
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January 15, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Fitchburg Municipal Offices
166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby reappoint and ask for your confirmation of Mr. Paul F. Fontaine, Jr. of 507 Ashburnham Hill Road, Fitchburg, MA as a Member of the Planning Board for a 3 year term scheduled to expire on January 1, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. DiNatale
Stephen L. DiNatale
Mayor

2. Ms. Laura O'Kane, as a member of the Planning Board, term to expire January 1, 2023.

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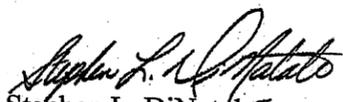
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Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby reappoint and ask for your confirmation of Ms. Laura O'Kane of 83 Warren St. Fitchburg, MA as a Member of the Planning Board for a 3 year term scheduled to expire on January 1, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. DiNatale
Mayor

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Appointment Letters

1. Permanent Reserve Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:
Nicholas A. Garcia
Ryan M. Kreidler



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January 8, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Fitchburg Municipal Offices
166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby appoint and ask for your confirmation of the following individuals as Permanent Reserve Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:

Nicholas A Garcia

Ryan M. Kreidler

Both of these candidates have successfully completed the required pre-employment steps that were provided in their Conditional Offers of Employment.

Thank you for your attention to this appointment matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. DiNatale".
Stephen L. DiNatale
Mayor

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2. Full-Time Student Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:
Brian M. Gelinas
Colin T. Banahan
Nicholas A. Garcia



The City of Fitchburg
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January 13, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Fitchburg Municipal Offices
166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby appoint and ask for your confirmation of the following individuals as Full-Time Student Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:

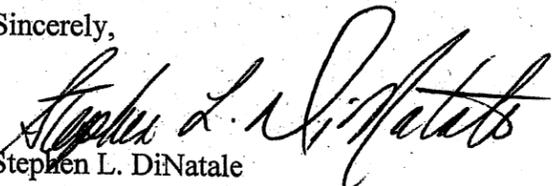
Brian M. Gelinas

Colin T. Banahan

Nicholas A. Garcia

Thank you for your attention to this appointment matter.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. DiNatale
Mayor

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3. Ms. Laura A. Bayless, as a member of the Fitchburg
Redevelopment Authority, term to expire February 1, 2025.



The City of Fitchburg

Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

2020 JAN 16 AM 9:40

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January 16, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Fitchburg Municipal Offices
166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby appoint and ask for your confirmation of Ms. Laura A. Bayless of 7 Forest Park, Fitchburg, MA as a member of the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority. This appointment is for a term of 5 years and is set to expire on February 1, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. DiNatale
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4. Ms. Deborah A. Dion, as a member of the Fitchburg Council on Aging, term to expire January 1, 2023.



The City of Fitchburg
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2020 JAN 9 AM 9:50

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January 9, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Fitchburg Municipal Offices
166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby appoint and ask for your confirmation of Ms. Deborah A. Dion of 875 John Fitch Highway, Unit 25, Fitchburg, MA to the Fitchburg Council on Aging for a three year term scheduled to expire on January 1, 2023.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. DiNatale
Mayor

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5. Mr. Alex Lopez, as a member of the Planning Board, term to
expire January 1, 2023.



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January 15, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Fitchburg Municipal Offices
166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108
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Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby appoint and ask for your confirmation of Mr. Alex Lopez of 8 Mountain Laurel Lane, Fitchburg, MA as a Member of the Planning Board for a 3 year term scheduled to expire on January 1, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. DiNatale
Mayor

Appointments read and referred to the Appointments Committee.

Communication
Council President
Michael Kushmerek
re: Fitchburg
Rail Trails
Vision Plan

COMMUNICATION
Council President Michael Kushmerek
Re: Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan



**City of Fitchburg
Massachusetts 01420**

CITY COUNCIL

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Michael Kushmerek

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Elizabeth R. Walsh

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Marcus L. DiNatale
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Michael Kushmerek
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Anthony M. Zarrella

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Ward 1 – Bernard J. Schultz III
Ward 2 – Paul R. Beauchemin
Ward 3 – Andrew J. Couture
Ward 4 – Andrew J. Van Hazinga
Ward 5 – Marisa R. Fleming
Ward 6 – Elizabeth R. Walsh

January 21, 2020

Ralph S. Baker, Ph.D.
Chair, Fitchburg Trails Vision Committee
840 Ashby West Road
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Professor Baker,

On behalf of the City Council, I am pleased to offer our unanimous support and endorsement of the Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan for the City of Fitchburg.

Developing a Master Plan for Fitchburg's non-motorized recreational trails is an important foundational element as we plan for Fitchburg's future. Our hope is that this plan will benefit the residents of the city of Fitchburg, neighboring communities, and visitors to our City for years to come.

Please accept the gratitude of the entire City Council for the extensive work and dedication that has been gone into creating the Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan. We look forward to the seeing the fruition of this endeavor in the years to come.

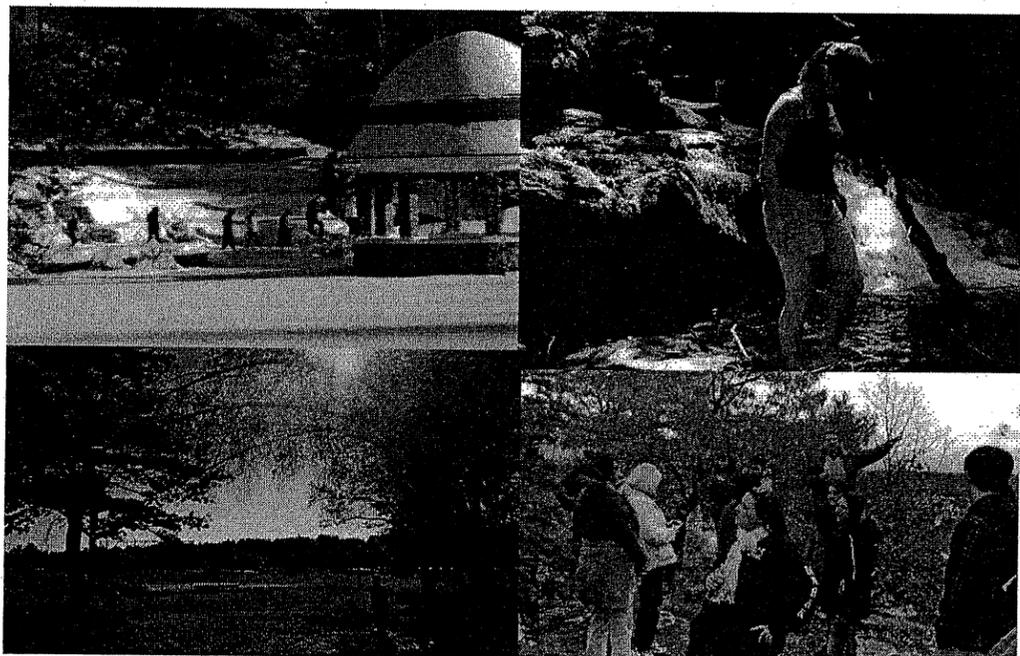
Sincerely,

Michael P. Kushmerek
City Council President

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Presentation
Fitchburg Rail
Trails Vision
Plan

Mr. Ralph Baker, Chair, Fitchburg Trails Vision Committee, and Mr. Larry Casassa made the following Presentation of the Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan:



Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan
Presentation to City Council, Jan. 21, 2020

Ralph S. Baker
Chair, Fitchburg Trails Vision Committee

What is a Trails Vision?

- A Master Plan developed by the Fitchburg Trails Vision Committee and the City of Fitchburg for the City's non-motorized, recreational trails
- A compilation of the trails infrastructure that currently exists and a vision of how it could be improved to benefit Fitchburg's residents
- A summary of City policies and community priorities that promote or impede improvements to the trails infrastructure
- A compilation and rank ordering of potential trail improvements (enhancements to existing trails, new trails and connections to/from existing trails) based on agreed-upon criteria
- A high-level implementation plan

Fitchburg Trails Vision Process

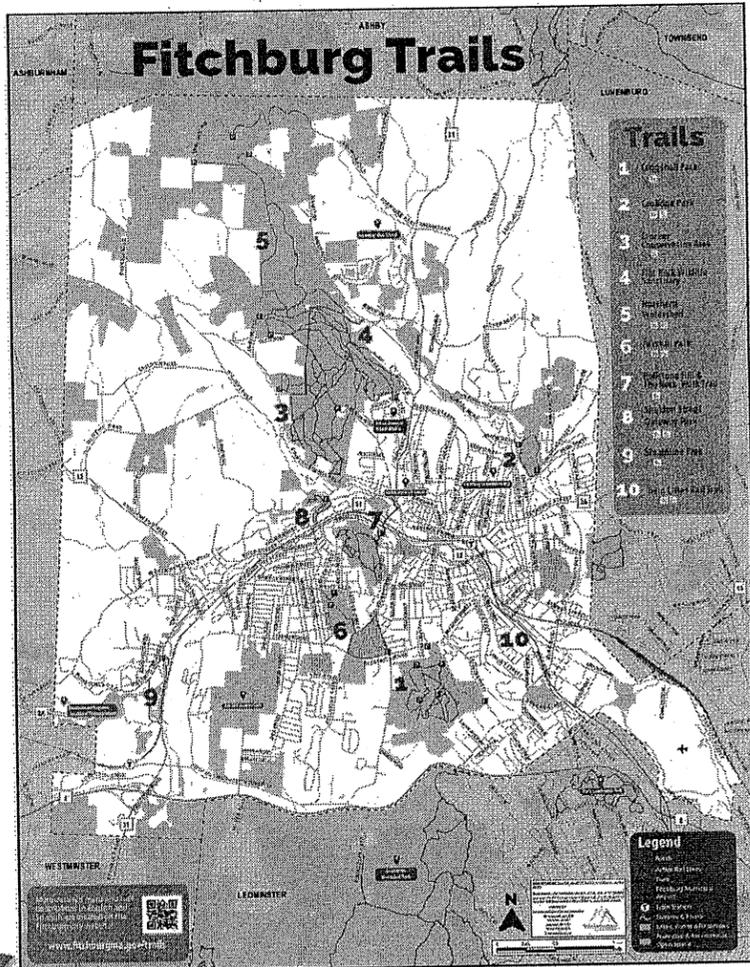
- Convened in 2016, aided by Groton Trail Committee's chair, Paul Funch, and the Montachusett Regional Trail Coalition
- Goal: Help the City of Fitchburg to preserve and improve our quality of life, while enhancing public health and economic development
- **Year 1:**
 - Formed our committee. We sought a broad representation, and have had 8 members who have **met biweekly for 3 years**
 - Agreed on our Purpose, Vision & Values
 - Obtained letters of endorsement from Mayor Stephen DiNatale and the Fitchburg Board of Parks Commissioners
 - Held a Public Outreach Meeting including a Survey
 - Did trail inventory (GPS) and wrote trail descriptions, identified needs/recommendations

• Year 2:

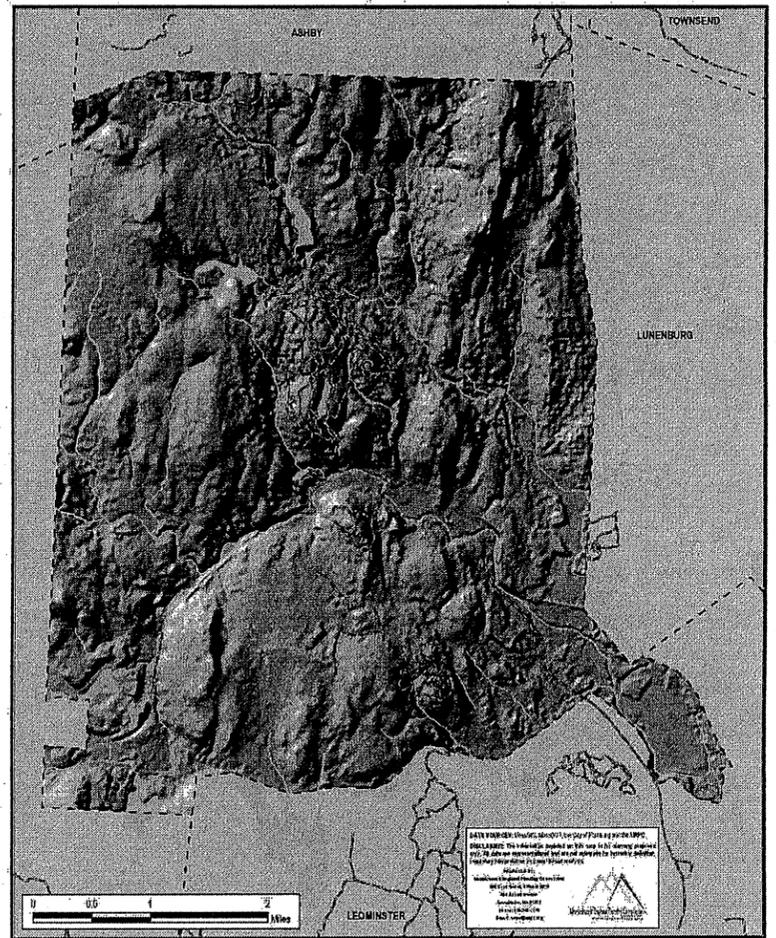
- Learned from MRPC of availability of funding through MA DOT to support a *Fitchburg Trail Guide*
- We prepared the *Guide*
- City printed 10,000 English and 3,500 Spanish copies



- Detailed maps and trail descriptions are at www.fitchburgma.gov/trails

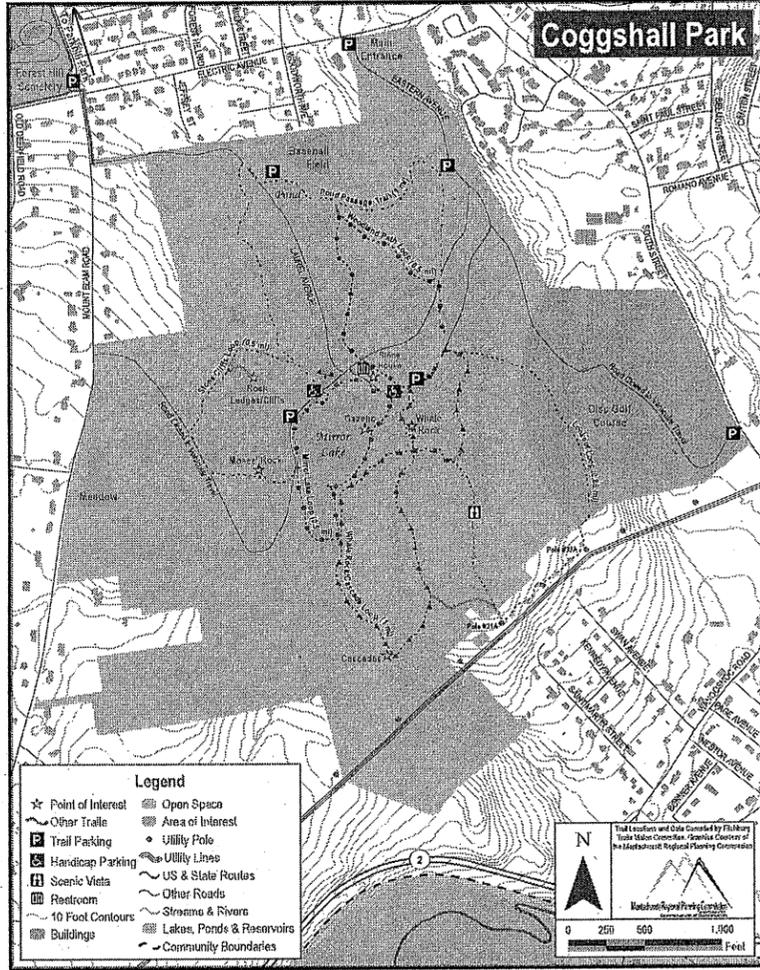
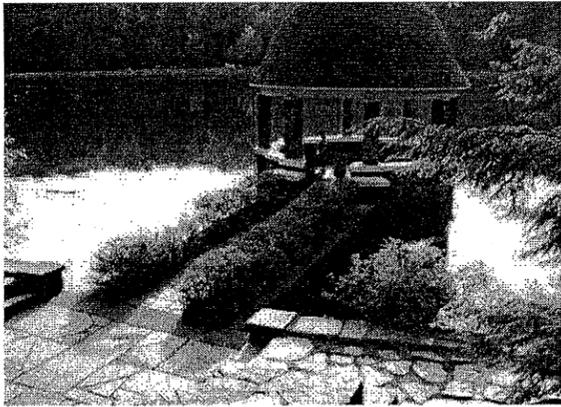


- **Year 3:**
 - Drafted the Vision Plan
 - Includes existing trails/ trail networks:
 - -Most are City-owned
 - MA Audubon Flat Rock Wildlife Sanctuary
 - North County Land Trust Crocker Conservation Area
 - Trails under development
 - Twin Cities Rail Trail
 - Rollstone Hill Rock Walk
 - Over 50 trails, >35 miles
 - N-S and E-W Linkages!
 - Prioritized in a table
 - Implementation Schedule
 - *We are here to seek your endorsement of the Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan.*

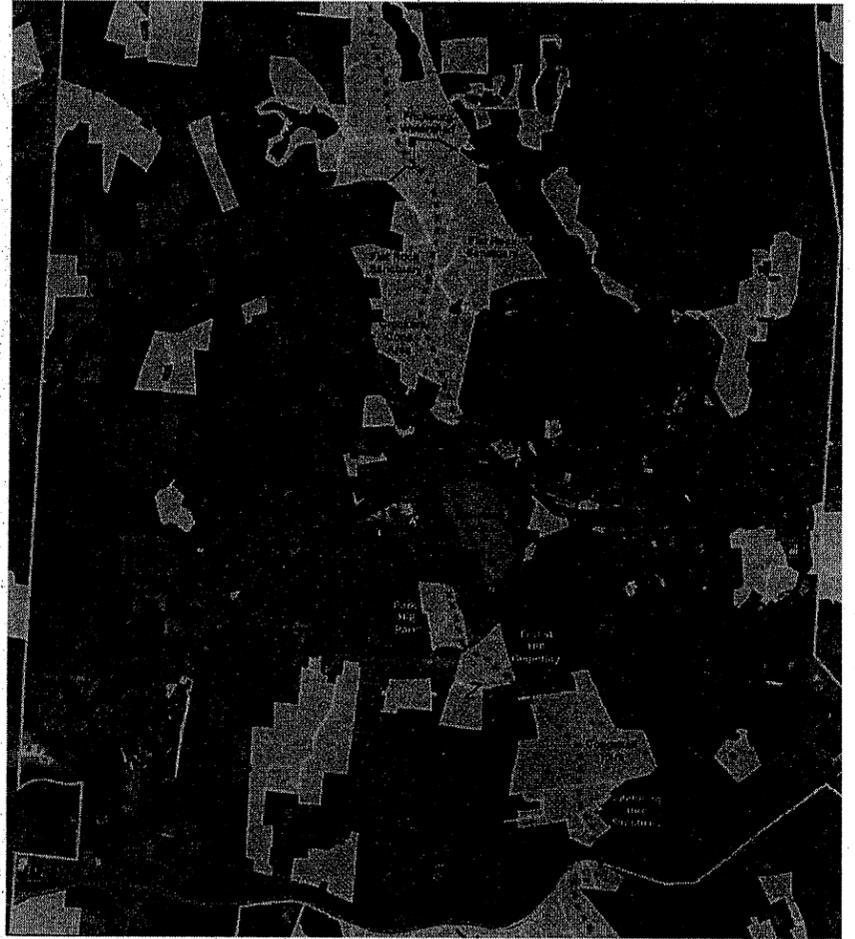


• **Example Trail Network:**

- Coggshall Park is often referred to as “the jewel in the crown” of Fitchburg’s parks.
- Its woodland trails, however, are currently inadequately marked and underutilized, and few are accessible.
- Working with the Friends of Coggshall, we hope to improve this.



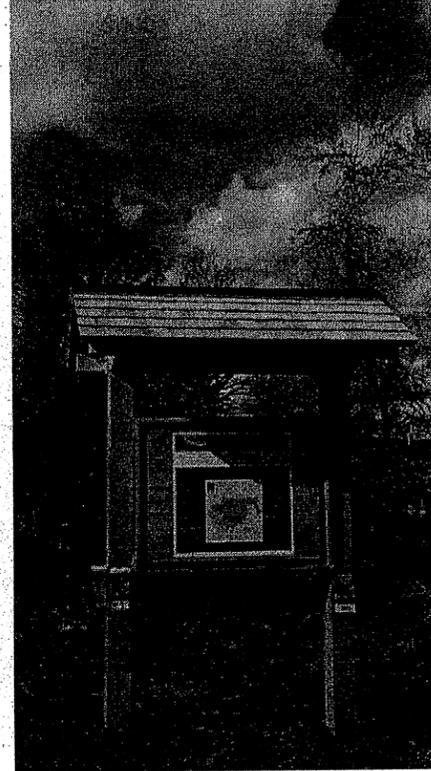
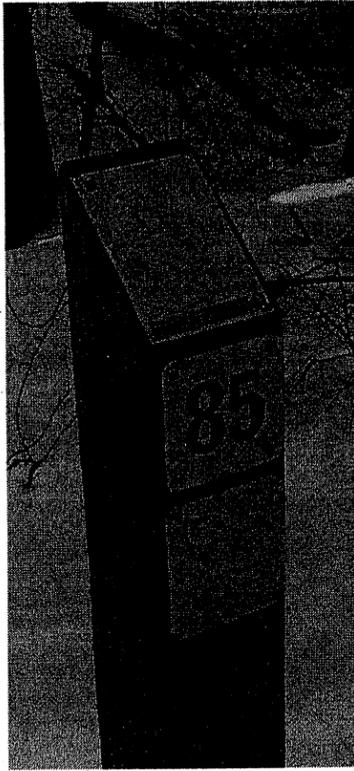
- **Potential for N-S Long-Distance Linkages:**
 - Vision Plan includes a map and description of a potential long-distance trail from Ashburnham to Leominster
 - Links together 6 of our trail networks



Courtesy Conservation Works, LLC

- **Next Steps:**

- On behalf of the city's Community Development Dept., we are preparing a grant application to MassTrails (due 2/1/2020).
- We are transitioning into a Fitchburg Trails Stewardship group
- We will be recruiting support from partners and volunteers to do the installation and maintenance work.



Examples of **Wayfinding Signage and Kiosks** to be installed at Coggshall; Coolidge; Northern Watershed; Sheldon St. Gateway Park; Steamline; and Crocker Conservation Area.

Acknowledgements and Thanks to:

- Fitchburg Board of Parks Commissioners
- Fitchburg Conservation Commission
- Fitchburg Department of Community Development
- Fitchburg Department of Public Works
- Fitchburg Greenway Committee
- Fitchburg Planning Board
- Fitchburg State University
- Groton Trails Vision Committee
- MA Audubon Society
- MA Department of Transportation
- Montachusett Opportunity Council
- Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
- Montachusett Regional Trail Coalition
- Nashua River Watershed Association
- North County Land Trust

024-20. RESOLVED: That the Fitchburg City Council does hereby officially endorse the Fitchburg Trails Vision Master Plan as outlined in the enclosed Resolution.

City of Fitchburg

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

In City Council,

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RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS: Fitchburg has a wealth of recreational trails throughout its 28 square miles, which are often overlooked or unknown to residents and visitors alike, and;

WHEREAS: A group of area residents and organizations, along with several city departments, boards and commissions, have worked diligently over the past 3 years to complete a Trails Vision Master Plan for the entire city, and;

WHEREAS: This Plan identifies all known recreational trails within the city, providing detailed maps of each, their current condition, degree of difficulty and improvement needs, as well as a comprehensive list of recommendations and costs for improving and expanding the city's current trail system, and;

WHEREAS: A state of the art recreational trail system would serve to improve the overall health and quality of life of our residents, as well as encourage new residents to choose Fitchburg as a place to live, and;

WHEREAS: The increased attractiveness of our city as a place to live, visit and recreate will increase property values and stimulate new growth and investment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Fitchburg City Council, in consideration of the above, does hereby officially endorse the Fitchburg Trails Vision Master Plan as a blueprint for the future development of Fitchburg's trail system.

Motion to take Resolution #24-2020 out of order passed by unanimous vote. Resolution adopted by unanimous vote. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Resolution signed by the Mayor January 22, 2020.

Reports of
Committees
Appointments
Committee
Oral Report

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of January 21, 2020

The Appointments Committee recommended the following Appointment be confirmed:

New Appointment:
Fitchburg Housing Authority

(Term to expire March 1, 2023)
(To fill the remaining term of Mr. Andrew Van Hazinga)
Mr. Adam G. Goodwin

Report accepted. Appointment confirmed by unanimous vote. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Finance Committee
Meeting of January 14, 2020

The Finance Committee recommended the following Orders be adopted:

003-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MEMA Emergency Management Performance grant in the approximate amount of \$15,500.00 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase a fire extinguisher demonstration prop, equipment for heavy vehicle extraction, and hands free lighting for the Dive Team.

004-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to the following DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SNOW & ICE accounts:
PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME\$ 60,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL\$ 80,000.00
PLOWS & BLADES\$ 40,000.00
SALT \$120,000.00

Report read and accepted. Orders adopted by unanimous vote. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Orders signed by the Mayor January 22, 2020.

Finance Committee
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ORDERS-FINANCE

The following Orders were referred to the Finance Committee:

- 009-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to BUILDING-CONTRACTED SERVICES for the purpose of digitizing Building Department paper documents.
- 010-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, FY20 Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant in the approximate amount of \$336,400.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to reduce gang and youth related violence.
- 011-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$62,115.92 (SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 92/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.
- 012-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant in the approximate amount of \$42,000.00 (FORTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to continue to provide residents with more robust information about waste disposal and recycling, purchase additional carts for the curbside program, expand the current program, and reduce, reuse, and recycle in school cafeterias.
- 013-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative grant in the approximate amount of \$300,000.00 (THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to assist individuals living in Fitchburg who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of overdose and to collaborate with other agencies to assess other city needs.
- 014-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division grant in the approximate amount of \$656,000.00 (SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to pay for the installation of a self-serve fueling station at the airport.

Orders-Finance

015-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$140,000.00) same to be charged against AIRPORT CAPITAL, SELF-SERVE FUELING STATION FY19 and credited to AIRPORT CAPITAL, SELF-SERVE FUELING STATION FY20 account, for the purpose of installing a self-serve fueling station at the airport.

016-20: ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$24,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to AIRPORT CAPITAL, SELF-SERVE FUELING STATION account, for the purpose of installing a self-serve fueling station at the airport.

017-20. LOAN ORDER: Appropriate the amount of Three Million, One Hundred Five thousand, Six hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$3,105,666.00) for the purpose of paying costs of making roof and boiler repairs at the South Street Elementary School.

City of Fitchburg

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

In City Council, 2020 JAN 16 AM 11:40

ORDERED:- That

the City appropriate the amount of Three Million, One Hundred Five Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars(\$3,105,666.00) for the purpose of paying costs of making roof and boiler repairs at the South Street Elementary School, located at 376 South Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project") which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and, if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

018-20- ORDERED THAT: The Superintendent is authorized to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form for the Goodrich Academy located at 111 Goodrich St., Fitchburg, to upgrade the Goodrich Academy Roof Priority #5.

City of Fitchburg

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

2020 JAN 16 AM 11:00

In City Council, _____

ORDERED:- That

Having convened in an open meeting on _____, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the City Council of the City of Fitchburg, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated _____ for the Goodrich Academy located at 111 Goodrich Street, Fitchburg, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future

• Goodrich Academy Roof Priority #5;

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Orders-Finance

019-20. ORDERED THAT: The Superintendent is authorized to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form for the Fitchburg high school located at 140 Arn-How Farm Road, Fitchburg, for which an application may be submitted in the future for:
Fitchburg High School Roof Priority #5

City of Fitchburg

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

2020 JAN 16 AM 11:00

In City Council,

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Fitchburg High School Roof Priority #5;

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

020-20. ORDERED THAT: The Superintendent is authorized to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form for the Longsjo Middle School located at 98 Academy St., Fitchburg, for which an application may be submitted in the future for:
Longsjo School Windows Priority #5
Longsjo School Doors Priority #5
Longsjo School Boilers Priority #5

City of Fitchburg

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

2020 JAN 16 AM 11:00

In City Council, _____

ORDERED:-- That

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Longsjo School Windows Priority #5;

Longsjo School Doors Priority #5; and

Longsjo School Boilers Priority #5

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Orders-Other

ORDERS-OTHER

021-20. ORDER: Authorizing the City Clerk to notify the voters of the Presidential Primary to be held on March 3, 2020.

City of Fitchburg

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
City of Fitchburg
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

ORDERED:- That

The City Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to warn and notify the voters of the Wards and Precincts of the City of Fitchburg, duly qualified to vote in Primaries, to assemble in their respective polling places, as designated by the City Council as follows:

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| Ward 1, Precincts A and B | Knights of Columbus Hall 165 Electric Avenue |
| Ward 2, Precincts A and B | St. Joseph Church Hall Woodland Street |
| Ward 3, Precincts A and B | Memorial Middle School 615 Rollstone Street |
| Ward 4, Precincts A and B | Senior Citizens Center 14 Wallace Avenue |
| Ward 5, Precincts A and B | Rollstone Church 199 Main Street |
| Ward 6, Precincts A and B | St. Bernard's Activity Center 260 Summer Street |

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on TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2020, then and there, for the purpose of casting their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE for this Commonwealth
- STATE COMMITTEE MAN for Worcester & Middlesex Senatorial District
- STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN for Worcester & Middlesex Senatorial District
- WARD COMMITTEE for each Ward in the City of Fitchburg

It is further ordered that the polling places legally designated by the City Council be opened at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and be closed at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The City Clerk be and hereby is authorized to cause notice to be given by publication of this Order in the daily newspaper and by posting a copy of the same in a conspicuous place in the Office of the City Clerk and in each Ward and Precinct of the City.

Michael Kushmerek
President, City Council

Order adopted under Suspension of the Rules by unanimous vote.
11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Order signed by the Mayor January 22, 2020.

022-20. ORDERED THAT: An Act authorizing removing an easement interest in a certain portion of parkland located at 0 Elm Street from the protection of Article 97 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of MA to permit the City of Fitchburg or its assigns to use the same, for the construction of a new parking lot for park purposes as outlined in the enclosed Order.

Order was stricken from the record as it is a duplicate order.

023-20. ORDERED THAT: Whereas, certain easements are necessary in order to service City Hall located at or about 700 Main Street with telephone, cable and internet, as outlined in the enclosed Order.

City of Fitchburg

In City Council,

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ORDERED:- That

WHEREAS, certain easements are necessary in order to service City Hall located at or about 700 Main Street with telephone, cable and internet;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the City of Fitchburg shall, through its Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale, approve and authorize the execution and delivery of the attached utility easement document, in the current or substantially similar form, and to authorize all other acts and documents which may be necessary, helpful or convenient, to effectuate and ensure City Hall is supplied with the foregoing utilities.

Order adopted under Suspension of the Rules by unanimous vote.
11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Order signed by the Mayor January 22, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #25-2020

025-20. RESOLVED: To approve the City's application for FY 2020, Drinking Water Supply Grant, Crocker Road Watershed Project.

City of Fitchburg

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

In City Council, 2020 JAN 16 AM 11:00

RESOLVED THAT:

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO A GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSERVATION SERVICES, DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION (DWSP) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is making funding available through the Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS: The DWSP GProgram was established to assist municipal water suppliers to acquire land and interests in land for the protection of the public drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS: The protection of its drinking water supply is a priority of the City of Fitchburg; and

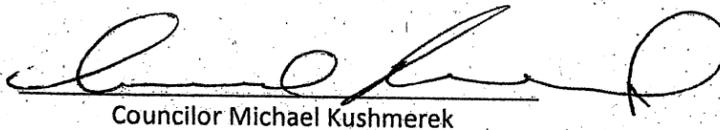
WHEREAS: The City of Fitchburg has identified two Tracts of land in Ashby, known as the Porter Property (Tract 1) and the Jewell Hill Property (Tract 2), totaling approximately 90 acres, that would be conserved for open space and protection of the watershed of the City's drinking water supply reservoirs; and

WHEREAS: The City of Fitchburg intends to vote to appropriate and/or borrow, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 [particularly Section 8C], up to the total sum of \$512,880, to purchase for conservation and water supply protection purposes, the Porter Property (Tract 1) and a Conservation Restriction on the Jewell Hill Property (Tract 2); and

WHEREAS: The City of Fitchburg intends to submit an application to EEA to fund 50% of the purchase price of Tract 1 and 50% of the purchase price of a Conservation Restriction on Tract 2, plus 50% of eligible project costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Deputy Water Commissioner be and is hereby authorized and requested to file an application with EEA for a DWSP grant;
2. That the Deputy Water Commissioner be and is hereby authorized to accept grant funds and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts, and any amendment thereto, in order to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of EEA DCS DWSP Grant Program, subject to City Council approval of the expenditure of funds; and
3. That the Mayor be and is hereby requested to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms purposes, and conditions of EEA DCS DWSP Grant Program.



Councilor Michael Kushmerek

Resolution adopted by unanimous vote. 11 members present.
Board consists of 11 members.
Resolution signed by the Mayor January 22, 2020.

PETITIONS

The following Petition was referred to the City Property Committee:

- 026-20. Anne M. Cervantes, Treasurer, to declare 35 Davis Street, Parcel 19-59-0 as excess property and designate it to the Side Yard Sales Program.

The following Petition was stricken from the record as it is a duplicate:

- 027-20. Tom Skwierawski, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development, to request a determination that the area on a certain portion of 0 Elm St. is surplus property and refer to the City's Chief Procurement Officer to manage disposition of same.

The following Petition was referred to the Legislative Affairs Committee:

- 028-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to amend ch. 169-58, (Winter Parking Ban), to increase fee from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per day when the winter parking ban is in place.

The following Petition was referred to the Planning Board:

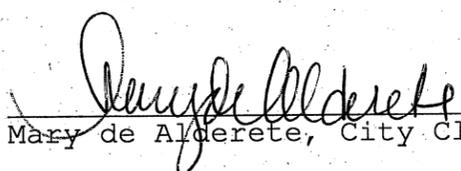
- 029-20. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance as part of Phase 1 of an Ordinance update to make clarifications in the Table of Principle Uses as outlined in the Petition.

COMMITTEE MATTERS**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

- 290-19. Councillors Marcus DiNatale and Elizabeth Walsh, to request a review of the Mount Elam Road/Electric Avenue intersection with respect to pedestrian safety measures. Residents in the area are requesting, for example, a crosswalk from Mount Elam across Electric Avenue and signage.
(Referred December 3, 2019)

Petition referred to the Public Works Committee by unanimous vote. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.


Mary de Alderete, City Clerk