



Watertown Town Council

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RESOLUTION # 3

R-2013- 3

A RESOLUTION PRESERVING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS WHITNEY HILL PARK

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City known as the Town of Watertown have long enjoyed the forested area that is commonly known as Whitney Hill as parkland; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to protect the Whitney Hill property and ensure its preservation as one of the last untouched parcels of open space in Watertown; and

WHEREAS, Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution provides that "the people shall have the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment" and

WHEREAS, legal protection is provided to parkland under the provisions of General Law Chapter 45 Section 3 "Acquisition of property for parks"; and

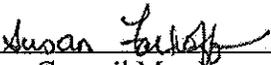
WHEREAS, for more than a century the residents of Watertown have used the entire forested area that is commonly known as Whitney Hill for passive recreation purposes, despite the fact that a portion of this land is not deeded as parkland and does not have the protection of Article 97.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown hereby establishes that Whitney Hill Park shall be preserved and maintained as natural wooded parkland for passive recreation and education purposes, and that Whitney Hill Park shall be defined as consisting of three parcels of land owned by the Town of Watertown as shown on the attached plan and described as follows:

1. Parcel 1: The original 6.07 acre parcel acquired by the Town in 1895 by and through its Park Commission (parcel 327-23A-0)
2. Parcel 2: The 0.23 acre parcel formerly under the care, custody, and control of the Board of Water Commissioners and transferred to the Park Commission in 1899 (parcel 327-23-0)
3. Parcel 3: The approximately four acre rear wooded portion of the 13.75 acre parcel of land acquired by the Town in 1825 by and through its Overseers of the Poor and currently held for public works purposes (portion of parcel 328-2-0 to be surveyed and subdivided);and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parcel 3 as shown on the attached plan, currently under the care, custody, and control of the Town Manager for the benefit of the poor and for public works purposes, being deemed by the Town Manager to no longer be needed for the benefit of the poor and for public works purposes, shall be transferred to the Town Manager for park purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conservation Commission, through the Conservation Agent, shall submit to the Town Manager, each year prior to December 31st, a recommended plan for maintenance and educational activities for Whitney Hill Park.

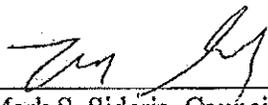


Council Member

I hereby certify at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against and 0 present on 01-08, 2013.



Valeria Papas, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President