

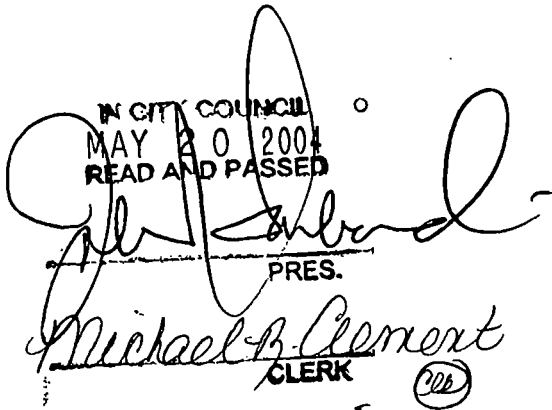
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 244

*Approved* May 27, 2004

RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recommends to the voters of Providence and all voters statewide that they support the 2004 Open Space and Recreation Bond initiative by voting in favor of the bond referendum in November 2004.

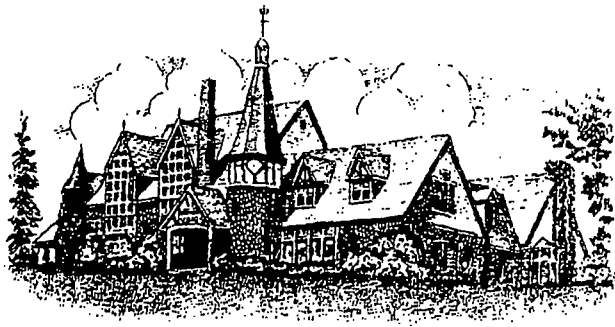
IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 20 2004  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
Michael B. Clement  
CLERK (126)

APPROVED  
  
5/27/04  
MAYOR



Council President Lombardi (By Bequest)





## TOWN OF BARRINGTON

### RHODE ISLAND

#### TOWN COUNCIL

Anthony L. DePasquale, President  
Martha H. Scavongelli, Vice President  
Mark J. Gillooly  
John T. Lazzaro  
June S. Speakman

#### **Town of Barrington, RI Open Space Resolution**

**Whereas**, over the years the Town of Barrington (the Town) and the Barrington Land Conservation Trust (the Land Trust), recognizing the importance to the health, safety and welfare of the community, have acquired over 1,125 acres of open space for active and passive recreation, and for farming and to protect vulnerable wetlands; and

**Whereas**, in 2002 the Town Council of the Town of Barrington adopted an amended Comprehensive Community Plan, Natural and Cultural Resources element which documents the Town's objectives for open space acquisition and preservation and for recreation facility development in a manner consistent with the State Guide Plan and approved by the state; and

**Whereas**, in November 1999, 2000 and 2002 the citizens of the Town of Barrington voted overwhelmingly in favor of state bond referenda for open space, preservation and outdoor recreation facilities; and

**Whereas**, in September 1999 the citizens of Barrington voted for a \$1 million local open space bond referendum; and

**Whereas**, a total of 88 acres of wetland, woodland, fields, farm land and recreation areas were acquired by the Town and the Land Trust with funds from these bond initiatives thus helping to preserve our community character and enhance our way of life; and

**Whereas**, the Town and the Land Trust are each actively seeking funding to purchase two large parcels of land in Barrington for their unique historic and scenic value, recreational use, open space and woodlands, and preservation of fragile wetlands; and



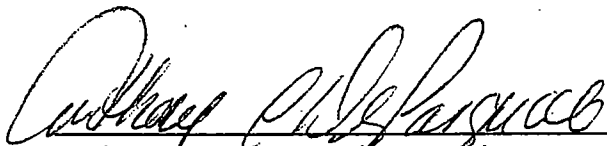
**Whereas**, the RI Department of Environmental Management funds for open space acquisition and recreation development programs from the 2000 bond are exhausted; and

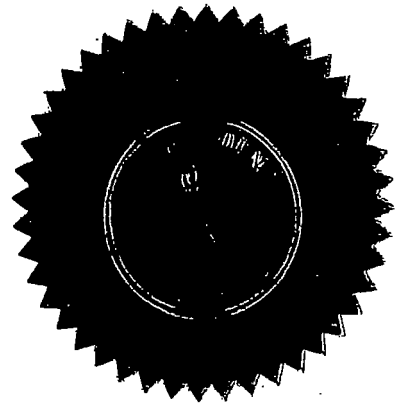
**Whereas**, the \$5 million allocated for the statewide Local Open Space Grants Program is insufficient to meet current needs for open space in the state.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the Barrington Town Council supports the efforts of the State of Rhode Island to gain approval of a 2004 bond referendum for open space, preservation and recreation development, and strongly urges the support of the Office of the Governor and the Rhode Island General Assembly to authorize this measure with an increase of \$10 million for the Local Open Space Grants Program on the statewide ballot in November 2004; and be it

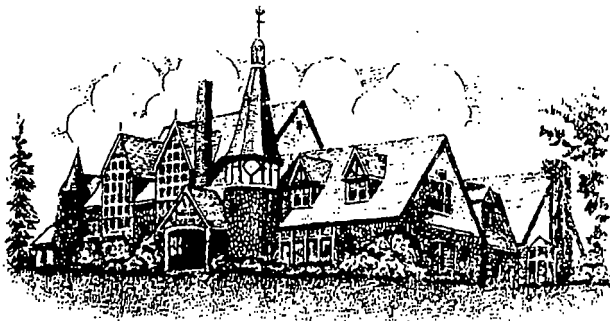
**Further resolved** that the Barrington Town Council recommends to the voters of Barrington and all voters statewide that they support the 2004 Open Space and Recreation Bond initiative by voting in favor of the bond referendum in November 2004.

Adopted unanimously by the Barrington Town Council on April 12, 2004.

  
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Anthony L. DePasquale, President  
Barrington Town Council







LORRAINE A. DEROIS, C.M.C.  
TOWN CLERK

## TOWN OF BARRINGTON RHODE ISLAND

### **MEMO**

**To: CITY/TOWN COUNCILS**

**FROM: BARRINGTON TOWN CLERK**

**DATE: APRIL 13, 2004**

The Barrington Town Council unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution and asks that you support the statewide 2004 Open Space and Recreation Bond initiative.

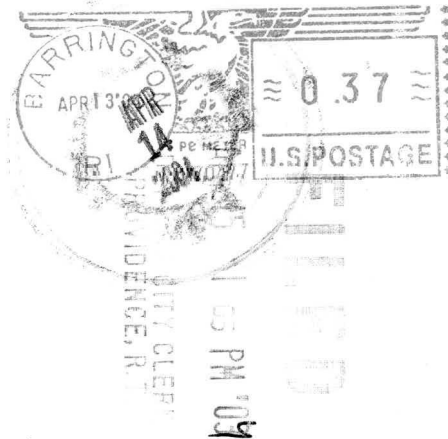
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Lorraine A. Derois, CMC  
Town Clerk



OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND 02806

Michael R. Clement, City Clerk  
City Hall, 25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903



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THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND - AMERICA'S FIRST RESORT

August 27, 2004

The Newport City Council, at their meeting of August 25, 2004, unanimously adopted the enclosed Resolution No. 2004-146 in support of the \$70 million Open Space and Recreation Bond Referendum that will appear on the November 2, 2004, ballot.

Recognizing the importance of this bond to the cities and towns throughout the State, the Newport City Council urges each council to pass a similar resolution and to promote passage of the bond referendum to their citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen M. Silvia".

Kathleen M. Silvia  
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: RI League of Cities & Towns



THE CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION

OF THE

COUNCIL

No. 2004-146

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby declares its support for the \$70 million Open Space and Recreation Bond and the many benefits for Rhode Islanders that will result from the protection of our unique natural resources achieved through enactment of this Bond; and

WHEREAS, the City Council endorses the objectives of the \$70 million Open Space and Recreation Bond--including the acquisition of parkland, expansion of state management areas, preservation of farmland, funding local open space grants, watershed and environmental protection projects and development of recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that bond funds provide the required match needed to secure federal funds and foundation grants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that our state's long-term economic health and quality of life are inextricably linked with our natural resources and landscape and its protection as enabled through the this bond. NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Council of the City of Newport hereby supports the General Assembly's authorization to place this measure on the statewide ballot in November, 2004, and copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the RI League of Cities & Towns and the cities and towns throughout the State.

IN COUNCIL

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

READ AND PASSED

AUG 25 2004

*Kathleen M. Silvia*

Kathleen M. Silvia  
City Clerk





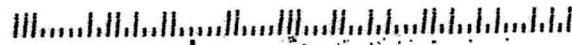
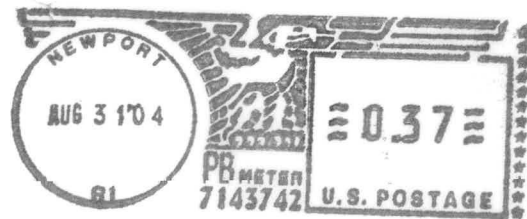
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**NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL**

**T. Brian Handrigan, President**

**John R. Hickey, Pres. Pro Tem**

**David J. Crook Sr.**

**Anne-Marie Silveira**

**September 22, 2004**

**To All City and Town Clerks:**

**At the September 20, 2004 Town Council meeting, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: To ADOPT the following Resolution in support of the \$70,000,000 Open Space and Recreation Bond Referendum that will appear on the November 2, 2004 Ballot.**

**It was further unanimously**

**VOTED: To SEND a copy of the Resolution to the Rhode Island of Cities and Towns and the Cities and Towns throughout the State.**

**Sincerely,**

**Carol Robbins, CMC**

**Town Clerk**

**CR**

**205-04-L-71**





# Town of Narragansett

Rhode Island

Resolution No. 2004-24



## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE \$70,000,000 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION BOND REFERENDUM THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 BALLOT

**WHEREAS** the Town Council of the Town of Narragansett hereby declares its support for the \$70,000,000 Open Space and Recreation Bond and the many benefits for Rhode Islanders that will result from the protection of our unique natural resources achieved through enactment of this Bond, and

**WHEREAS** the Town Council endorses the objectives of the \$70,000,000 Open Space and Recreation Bond – including the acquisition of parkland, expansion of state management areas, preservation of farmland, funding local open space grants, watershed and environmental protection projects and development of recreational facilities, and

**WHEREAS** the Town Council acknowledges that bond funds provide the required match needed to secure federal funds and foundation grants, and


**WHEREAS** the Town Council recognizes that our State's long-term economic health and quality of life are inextricably linked with our natural resources and landscape and its protection as enabled through this bond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Narragansett hereby supports the General Assembly's authorization to place this measure on the statewide ballot in November 2004 and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the RI League of Cities & Towns and the Cities and Towns throughout the State.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2004.

  
T. Brian Handrigan  
Council President

ATTEST:

  
Carol Robbins, CMC  
Town Clerk



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# **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**No.** 245

**Approved** May 27, 2004

WHEREAS, Mayor David N. Cicilline, in his City News Column of May 8, 2004, states that the city's waterfront is "one of Providence's greatest assets" and "it is imperative that Narragansett Electric bury the unsightly power lines that would otherwise frame, and therefore diminish, the area"; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has advocated burying the power lines and has discussed funding sources for doing so in a meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> with Governor Carcieri, Attorney General Lynch, Senate Finance Committee Chair Alves, House Finance Committee Chair Constantino, Senator DaPonte, Representative Moura, DOT Director Capaldi, and Narragansett Electric Vice President Ryan; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor considers "tapping into Narragansett Electric's Settlement Fund and its Electric Storm Fund" as among the "several viable proposals" for obtaining the remaining \$5.4 million needed to bury the waterfront wires; and

WHEREAS, Narragansett Electric has discussed with state officials using part of its \$18 million settlement fund for economic development purposes, and has previously agreed to use \$1 million of its \$13.4 million storm fund to reduce the costs of electricity to the US Navy in Newport (a proposal rejected by the Public Utilities Commission); and

WHEREAS, The Mayor is concerned that "unsightly transmission towers and high-tension wires obstructing the view of Providence's harbor...not dissuade potential developers," and he believes that "the placement of these power lines will greatly impact the long-term success" of economic development in the area; and



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WHEREAS, The Mayor points out that "burying these power lines, located outside of the city's hurricane barrier, would eliminate the possibility of storm damage entirely," and

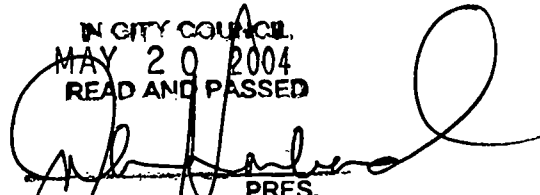
WHEREAS, Electric utilities have used their own funds to bury power lines in riverfront parks in other cities – \$2 million in Chattanooga and \$9 million in Louisville – and these expenditures have greatly enhanced those parks and have stimulated economic development adjacent to them; and


WHEREAS, The utility in Chattanooga justified its expenditures on anticipated increased revenues resulting from the future economic development, and such increased revenues have materialized; and

WHEREAS, The Providence/East Providence waterfront/riverfront areas are benefiting from more than \$5 billion in public and private investment, which are resulting in major economic development projects that have and will continue to increase dramatically electricity revenues for Narragansett Electric; and

WHEREAS, National Grid, the parent company of Narragansett Electric, realized more than \$2 billion in "profits from ordinary activities after taxes" in 2002 and 2003, according to its annual report; and National Grid's stock has significantly outperformed both the S&P 1500 index and the "multi-utilities" index, according to Standard and Poor's recent report; and

WHEREAS, Narragansett Electric and National Grid would exercise good corporate citizenship if they were to support wholeheartedly the burial of the waterfront power lines as in the best interest of the city, the state, the region, and the electrical utility itself.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 20 2004  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
Michael B. Clement  
CLERK (21)

**APPROVED** 5/27/04  
  
**MAYOR**



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council reaffirms its previous resolutions urging burial of the waterfront power lines, and it applauds Mayor Cicilline's support for burial, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges Narragansett Electric to cease and desist immediately its legal fight against burying the waterfront wires, an effort which Narragansett estimates is costing \$20,000-25,000 a month – an expense which it states is being charged to ratepayers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges city and state officials to use some of Narragansett Electric's settlement and storm funds to raise the remaining \$5.4 million needed for burial, and it urges city and state officials to seek federal funding for burial, which members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation have indicated could total \$1-1.5 million, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council considers the far-reaching long-term benefits for the city of burying the waterfront wires significant enough for the city to forgo some or all of the anticipated \$3 million electricity refund due Providence ratepayers in 2005 as a result of the settlement fund.



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## **CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON SOURCES OF FUNDING BURIAL OF WATERFRONT POWER LINES**

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