

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS

City Clerk's Office

March 16, 2016

I hereby notify that at twelve noon today the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday evening March 22, 2016 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Marilyn Gomeau

City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 22, 2016

Roll Call

Moment of silent remembrance

The Pledge

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of the minutes of *March 8, 2016*

**11,458-2** *An Ordinance amending Chapter 2-28(a) of the Revised Ordinances, Schedule B the Compensation Plan for FY'16, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>.*

**11,495** *Communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding tax incentives for home improvements, which was referred to the Community Development Committee at the meeting of January 26<sup>th</sup>.*

**11,514** *Mayor's communication #19 informing the Council of the promotion of Jason Wood to the rank of Sergeant.*

**11,515** *Mayor's communication #20 giving the Council an update as to where the City stands regarding the recommendations of the report presented by the MMA's Municipal Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force.*

**11,516** *Mayor's communication #21 presenting the city's new Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).*

**11,517** *Mayor's communication #22 concerning a gift of money to the North Adams Police Department.*

**11,517** *An Order authorizing the Mayor to accept a gift of money to the North Adams Police Department.*

**11,518** *Mayor's communication #23 regarding a permanent easement for the property at 180 West Shaft Road.*

**11,518** *An Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into a permanent easement for the property at 180 West Shaft Road.*

**CORRESPONDENCE  
LICENSES**

An application submitted by Susan McMillian, 257 Houghton Street to operate a taxi business in the business name of City Cab, located at 57 River Street.

An application submitted by Nathan McMillian, 257 Houghton Street to drive taxi for City Cab.

An application submitted by Craig Amos, 56 Tyler Street to drive taxi for City Cab.

An application submitted by Ernest Perry, 118 Eagle Street for a renewal of a secondhand license in the business name of Odds & Ends located at 118 Eagle Street.

An application submitted by Mary Ann George, 656 Ashland Street for a renewal of a secondhand license in the business name of Maryann-Tiques & Gifts, located at 615 Ashland Street.

**COUNCILOR & MAYOR'S CONCERNS**



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

March 22, 2016

#19

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Promotion of Sergeant Jason Wood

Dear Honorable Members:

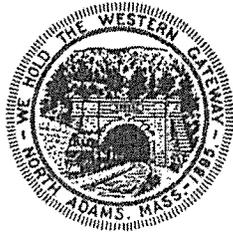
I am very pleased to inform you that Jason Wood has successfully completed the Civil Service Police Promotional Exam for the rank of Sergeant. Passing this exam is no easy feat as it encompasses both leadership and the rule of law, with a heavy emphasis on the interpretation of the laws he is sworn to uphold.

Sergeant Wood joined the NAPD as a permanent reserve officer on August 8, 2000 and was appointed full time in April, 2003 upon completion of the police academy. He was the School Resource officer from 2007-2008, K-9 Officer from 2009-2011 and was appointed Provisional Sergeant in April, 2014. Since, he has supervised the 4-midnight shifts with confidence and commitment.

I thank Sergeant Wood for his commitment to our City, our residents, his department and his profession.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

March 22, 2016

#20

To: North Adams City Council

Re: MMA report – An Obligation to Lead / Community Coalition’s Rx/Heroin Abuse Workgroup

Dear Honorable Members:

In January, the MMA adopted “An Obligation to Lead”, a report presented by the MMA’s Municipal Opioid Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force. I was honored to be part of this Task Force. As you all have received a copy of the report, I would like to give you an update as to where the City stands regarding the ten recommended opportunities for local leadership. This update is particularly timely as Governor Baker recently signed his landmark law against opiates, the most comprehensive in the country.

Additionally, I would like to have two folks from the Community Coalition, Adam Hinds, Executive Director and Wendy Penner, Director of Prevention and Wellness speak to our local Rx/Heroin Abuse Workgroup. The Workgroup came out of a Coalition monthly forum a couple of years ago and has taken the lead on conversations and solutions around addiction.

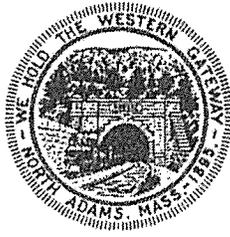
I would like two outcomes from this presentation:

1. That Council and the public will have a better understanding as to what the community is doing to address addiction and the stigma so associated.
2. That the Council will consider the appointment of one of its members to the Workgroup to broaden the City’s involvement.

Thank you very much for allowing me this time.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

March 22, 2016

#22

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Gift of money to the North Adams Police Department

Dear Honorable Members:

In your packet, please find Council Order relative to a gift of money (\$30,000) to the North Adams Police Department.

I was approached by Director Mike Cozzaglio and Ed Morandi regarding a resident who wanted to provide a cash gift to the Police Department. This gift brings certain conditions:

1. The name of the donor be kept anonymous until February, 2021
2. That the donated funds be expended only for the purchase of equipment to be used by the men and women of the NAPD
3. That the donated funds be placed in a special municipal account
4. That the account only be accessed by the Mayor, upon recommendation of the Police Director

On behalf of the City of North Adams and the North Adams Police Department, I want to thank the donor for their generosity and commitment to this community. I would ask that the Council adopt the order as presented.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



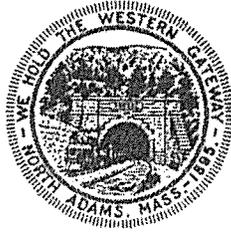
# City of North Adams

In City Council

March 22, 2016

Ordered:

That the City of North Adams, acting by and through its Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to accept a gift of money in the amount of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars from a resident of the City of North Adams ("Donor"), on the condition that the name of the Donor be kept anonymous until February, 2021 and that the donated funds be expended for the purchase of equipment to be used directly by the men and women of the North Adams Police Department in keeping the city safe; and that the donated funds be placed in a special municipal account from which the Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Police Director, may expend such funds for the purposes of the gift, without further appropriation.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

March 22, 2016

#23

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Easement on City property

Dear Honorable Members:

The City has been approached by Attorney John Lenhoff for Elaine Gaspardi for an easement over City owned land namely 151 E. Street, Assessors map 15 lot 41. This property is on the far northeast corner of what we might all know as the landfill parcel.

With this communication, I have included a map recorded in the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds as Plat B-#7. On the recorded map, I have circled a building that is encroaching from 180 West Shaft Road on to the City parcel. As the property is to be sold, this easement is necessary to allow the seller to pass clear title. The language of the easement order is in process and I will forward the completed order to members not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

All of the documents and language have been reviewed and approved by the City Solicitor. I respectfully request adoption of the order as presented.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



# City of North Adams

In City Council

March 22, 2016

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Ordered:

## EASEMENT

The CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, a municipal corporation located in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid in the amount of ONE AND 00/100 (\$1.00) DOLLAR, grants to ELAINE GASPARDI, whose residence and post office address is 180 West Shaft Road, North Adams, MA 01247, and to her heirs, successors and assigns, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, a permanent easement for the purpose of allowing the said Elaine Gaspardi, her heirs, successors and assigns to keep and maintain the encroaching structure on City land namely, 151 E Street, Assessors map 15 lot 41, south of said Elaine Gaspardi's land at 180 West Shaft Road, North Adams. Said encroaching structure is shown on SURVEY OF LAND in NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS prepared for BILLI JO CORBISERO, LINDA FEBLES, KAREN CANTONI, CYNTHIA LAFOND, dated April 11, 2013, TACONIC LAND CONSULTANTS LAND SURVEYORS & GEOLOGISTS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, recorded with the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds as Plat B-#7; Said encroaching structure, however, shall not be used for commercial or business purposes.