

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS  
City Clerk's Office  
April 20, 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 April 26, 2016 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Marilyn Gomeau  
City Clerk

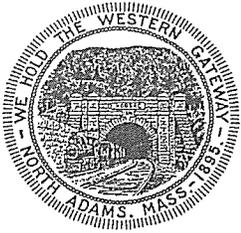
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
April 26, 2016

Roll Call  
Moment of silent remembrance  
The Pledge  
Hearing of Visitors  
Approval of the minutes of *April 12, 2016*

- 11,489**      *Communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding housing policies, which was postponed at the meeting of February 23<sup>rd</sup>.*
- 11,519**      *Mayor's communication #24 regarding a special tax agreement with Crane & Company.*
- 11,495**      *Communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding tax incentives for home improvements, which was referred to the Administration and postponed at the meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>.*
- 11,521**      *Mayor's communication #26 presenting a Proclamation declaring April 26, 2016 as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Week".*
- 11,522**      *Mayor's communication #27 recommending the re-appointment of Mary Ann Caproni to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire April 1, 2019.*
- 11,523**      *Communication submitted by Councilor Buddington regarding the opioid addiction crisis.*
- 11,524**      *Communication submitted by Councilor Moulton regarding signage on the lower half of Route 2.*

**CORRESPONDENCE  
LICENSES**

**COUNCILOR & MAYOR'S CONCERNS**



# Office of the City Council

## City of North Adams

10 Main Street Room 104  
North Adams, Massachusetts 01247  
(413) 662-3000, Ext. 1

April 26, 2016

Dear fellow Councillors,

The North County Cares Coalition would like to present the Council with information regarding the opioid addiction crisis.

I request that we grant them time to present to the Council and respond to any questions the Council may have.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Buddington



Office of the City Council  
City of North Adams

10 Main Street Room 109  
North Adams, Massachusetts 01247  
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April 19, 2016

Fellow Councilors:

I believe there is a serious public safety issue that should be addressed. The issue is the Mohawk Trail, Rt2, Eastern entrance into our city.

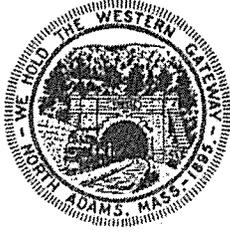
My concern is there is not proper signage. Once you arrive at the Hairpin Turn, trucks coming into the city are made aware of the steep decline and Hairpin Turn, once they are around the Hairpin, there is no warning. Many trucks have no idea that they are only halfway down, as many trucks have already stressed their breaks and are unaware that they have 4 miles of steepgrade ahead coming into a dangerous intersection!

Over the past years there have been 2 catastrophic accidents due to break failure. The lower half of the route is the responsibility of the city, the upper half is the state D.O.T.

I have been in contact with the state to have them look at the situation, I would like to have the city council take a look at the issue to see what could be done.

Respectfully,

Robert Moulton Jr.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

April 26, 2016

#26

To: North Adams City Council

Re: Proclamation – Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week

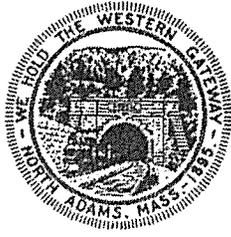
Dear Honorable Councilors:

In anticipation of Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week, May 1-7, I would like to bring forward a Proclamation in that regard.

Thank you for allowing me time on the agenda for this very important topic.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**  
**April 26, 2016**

**Whereas**, the citizens of the City of North Adams value their health and mental health and that of their families; therefore, they are proud to support observances such as **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**; and

**Whereas**, one in five children has a diagnosable mental health disorder and one-half of all lifetime instances of mental illness begin before age 14; and even some children and youth with the most intense needs and some who are insured may not receive services; and

**Whereas**, children and youth with mental health needs in elementary, middle and high school are more likely to be bullied, absent, suspended, expelled or fail to graduate; and

**Whereas**, learning to recognize the early warning signs of mental health needs and where to obtain the necessary support, assistance and treatment gives children and youth better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

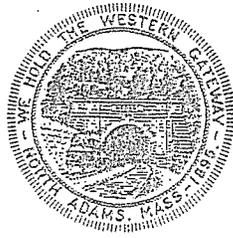
**Whereas**, **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week** was developed by families of children with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs, knowing that the participation and partnership of family members in the assessment and treatment of children and youth is essential to positive outcomes; and

**Whereas**, our nation's future depends on the health and well-being of its families and their children; and it is incumbent upon all local, state and national leaders to support programs and appropriate funding for diagnosis and care of our children and their families; and

**Whereas**, in celebrating this year's theme: "**Healthy Families, Resilient Children: Mental Health is a Family Affair**" it is fitting to increase public awareness among all North Adams citizens of this important issue;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Richard J. Alcombright, Mayor of the City of North Adams, do hereby proclaim **May 1-7, 2016 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week** and call on all residents to use this time to reflect on this very important issue faced by so many children and their families in our community

  
MAYOR



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

April 26, 2016

#27

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Re-appointment to the Board of Registrars

Dear Honorable Councilors:

It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Mary Ann Caproni to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire April 1, 2019.

Mary Ann has served the board for the past several years and her commitment to our election processes has been exemplary.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor