

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
City Clerk's Office
September 7, 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 September 13, 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
September 13, 2016

Roll Call

Moment of silent remembrance

The Pledge

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of the minutes of *August 26th, 29th and September 1st*.

- 11,540** Mayor's communication #42 presenting a Proclamation for Childhood Cancer.
- 11,539** An Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase and sales agreement with 59 Hodges Cross Road, LLC, which was referred to the Finance Committee and postponed at the meeting of August 26th.
- 11,541** Mayor's communication #43 recommending the appointment of Allyson Holmes to the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Joann DeRose for a term to expire February 1, 2017.
- 11,542** Mayor's communication #44 recommending the appointment of the Election Officers for a term to expire September 1, 2017.
- 11,543** Mayor's communication #45 regarding safe routes to School and Complete Street initiatives.

CORRESPONDENCE
LICENSES

COUNCILOR & MAYOR'S CONCERNS



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

September 13, 2016

#42

To: North Adams City Council
Re: Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

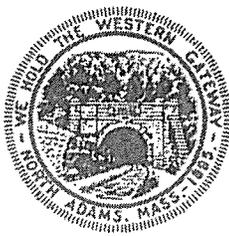
Dear Honorable Councilors:

I was approached by Joe and Kathy Arabia to proclaim September as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

I will read the enclosed Proclamation into the record at this meeting. The text is very telling and the issue certainly deserves our attention in this way. Additionally, I will ask the Arabia’s to speak briefly to the proclamation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



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September 13, 2016

#43

To: North Adams City Council
Re: Appointment to Planning Board – Allyson Holmes

Dear Honorable Councilors:

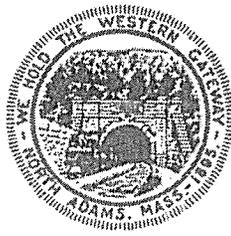
Several weeks ago I received a letter from Joanne DeRose stating her need to resign from the Planning Board. I thank Joanne for her years of service to the Board and the City.

That said and several months ago, Allyson Holmes a North Adams native, moved back to the City from the Boston area and emailed me her interest to serve the City. Allyson worked in the Law Department for the City of Boston and brings with her a more than general knowledge of municipal law and issues. Additionally in her position, she regularly advised the Boston Parks Department and the Zoning Board.

I respectfully request confirmation of this appointment to fill the unexpired term (2/1/17) of this vacancy.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



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#44

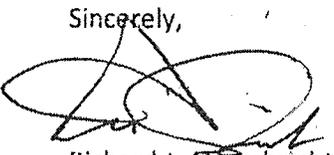
To: North Adams City Council
Re: Appointment of Election Officers

Dear Honorable Members:

Included in your packet is the list of Election Officers to be appointed for the year beginning September 1, 2016.

I respectfully request confirmation as presented.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

September 13, 2016

North Adams City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts 01247

Honorable Members;

I hereby appoint, subject to your confirmation, the following persons as Election Officers for the year beginning September 1, 2016.

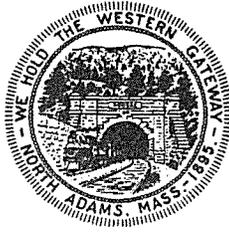
Wardens

Carol Colantuono, 124 Charlene Street
Susan Spooner, 66 Hathaway Street
Ronald O'Brien, 29 Central Avenue
Judy Noel, 43 Hathaway Street
Marian Esposito, 137 Marion Avenue
Judy McConnell, 80 Hathaway Street
Joan Wise, 46 Brickyard Court
Margaret Fortini, 237 Franklin Street
Judith Lescarbeau, 435 Barbour Street
Catherine Scerbo, 460 Walker Street
Kathleen Carbone, 137 West Main Street

Inspectors

Susan Trottier, 112 Kemp Avenue
Angie Lora, 45 Furnace Street
Marcia Wright, 727 East Main Street
Marcia Galli, 26 Yale Street
Maureen Catelotti, 17 Cherry Street
Elizabeth Pappas, 26 Elder Avenue
Susan Walker, 37 Holbrook Street
Linda Olson, 265 Wells Ave.
Ann Whitney, 5 Whitman Street
Madeline Cuccia, 8 Walnut Street
Bernadette Eastman, 365 Walnut Street
Karen Marino, 80 Autumn Drive
Janet Lanoue, 45 Monroe Street
Sue Superneau, 1 Milton Drive
Carol Morin, 16 Harding Avenue
Elizabeth Ralston, 154 Bonair Avenue

Diana Kawczak, 46 D Street
Andrew Kawczak, 46 D Street
Gloria Hiser, 55 Cady Street
Edward Marino, 80 Autumn Drive
Jane Bryce, 96 Harris Street
Mary Jane DesMarais, 100 Oak Hill
Elizabeth Milanesi, 27 Chesbro Avenue
Sheri Collins, 40 Orchard Hill
Gail O'Brien, 29 Central Ave
Laura Lee O'Neil, 88 North Street
Linda Freeney, 22 Crest Street
Carol Field, 62 Hathaway Street
Justyna Carlson, 32 Cherry Street
Gene Carlson, 32 Cherry Street
Barbara Tassone, 329 Houghton Street
Cindy Rougeau, 518 West Main Street
Pat Wol, 78 Tremont Street
Judy Nimmons, 47 Kemp Avenue
Jane McGrath, 130 Wells Avenue
Donna Morgan, 19 Pine Hill Terrace
Joan Owczarski, 37 Monroe Street
Mary Cote, 1612 Church Street
Pat LeClair, 29 Olds Street
Marie Cairns, 17 Veazie Street



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

September 13, 2016

#45

To: North Adams City Council
Re: Safe Routes to School and Complete Streets initiatives

Dear Honorable Councilors:

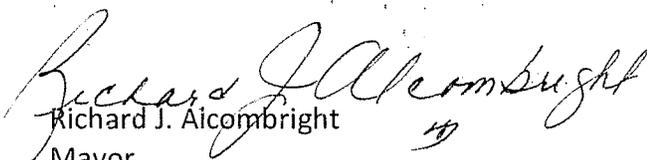
At this meeting, I have invited Amanda Chilson to come in and make a brief presentation on the two topics referenced above.

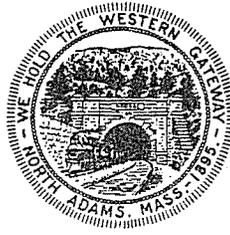
Amanda has been a champion of both initiatives and without her drive and passion, neither of these things would be happening in the City. Amanda has been at the forefront of the "Complete Streets" initiative working with City Administration to be certain we have been trained, policy is written, a committee assigned and finally that things relevant to the initiative begin.

On June 29th, Amanda went to Boston and received accolades from the Commonwealth relative to her efforts and those of the City around the "Safe Routes to School Program". We were one of only 12 cities to have been recognized and again, if not for Amanda this would not have happened.

As with most good initiatives, these things do not happen in a vacuum. Amanda will explain both initiatives and where we are currently at. Additionally, I am certain she will speak to all the "partners" she has garnered along the way in the City, the schools and the neighborhoods. I am certain you will find her presentation very interesting....and inspirational.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



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Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

Childhood Cancer Awareness

Whereas, the City of North Adams and our Northern Berkshire community has been impacted with childhood cancer, as have been communities across the country.

Whereas, childhood cancer is the leading cause of disease related death in children.

Whereas, 43 children are diagnosed with cancer every day in this country.

Whereas, one in five of our nation's children lose his or her battle with cancer and 60% of infants, children and adolescents who do survive will suffer late effects like heart failure and other cancers.

Whereas, more than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year.

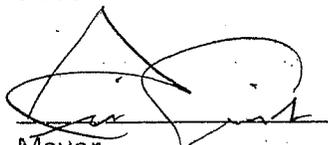
Whereas, although the overall five year survival rate for cancer is now over 80%, there are still some childhood brain cancers with a survival rate of less than 1%.

Whereas, only three drugs have been developed specifically for childhood cancer in 30 years, with an additional 4 drugs for use in both adults and children.

Whereas, childhood cancer receives only 4% of federal funding for cancer.

Whereas, worldwide a child is diagnosed with cancer every three minutes.

Now, therefore, I, Richard J. Alcombright, Mayor of the City of North Adams, do hereby proclaim September 2016 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and call on residents to support efforts to increase awareness and support for childhood with cancer and research for better treatments and cures.


Mayor

