

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS  
City Clerk's Office  
February 7, 2013

I hereby notify you that at twelve o'clock 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 February 12, 2013 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  
February 12, 2013

Roll Call  
Moment of silent prayer  
The Pledge

Hearing of Visitors

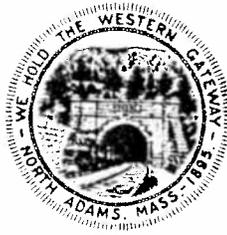
Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 5, 2013.  
Approval of the minutes of regular meeting held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 11,291 Acceptance of Council Rules of Order that were presented at the Organizational Meeting of Government for 2013, which were postponed at the meeting of January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 11,240-1 An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-27 of the Revised Ordinances, Schedule A, Classification Plan and Section 2-28(a), Section B the Compensation Plan for FY'13, which was referred to the Finance Committee and postpone at the meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 11,293 Mayor's communication #10 recommending the appointment of Timothy Lescarbeau to the Hoosac Water Quality Distract to fill the unexpired term of Ronald Boucher.
- 11,294 Mayor's communication #11 recommending the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 21-23 for the purpose of engaging in the process to change health insurance benefits.
- 11,294 An Order accepting the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 32B, Section 21-23.
- 8717-32b Mayor's communication #12 regarding overlay surplus from 2009.
- 8717-32b An Order appropriating the sum of \$51,570 from the overlay surplus account to General Government-Assessor Expenses.
- 11,295 Mayor's communication #13 regarding the purchase of 177 River Street.
- 11,295 An Order authorizing the Mayor to purchase property located at the rear of 177 River Street for \$8,600.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**COUNCILLOR'S & MAYOR'S CONCERNS**

**OPEN FORUM**



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

February 12, 2013  
#10

The Honorable City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Re: Timothy Lescarbeau - HWQD

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Long time HWQD member and former City Councilor Ronald Boucher has resigned from the District Board.

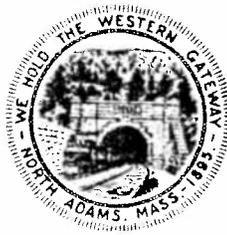
I am very pleased that DPW Superintendent Tim Lescarbeau has agreed to fill Ron's term which expires on March 31, 2014. As you all know, Tim has a significant background in water and sewer infrastructure and is very familiar with the operations at HWQD.

I respectfully request confirmation of this appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor

RJA:ll



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

February 12, 2013  
#11

The Honorable City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Re: Order to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Sec. 21-23 – Municipal Health Insurance Reform

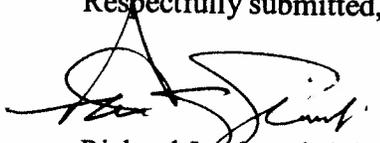
Dear Honorable Councilors:

On October 24, 2012 I met with the Public Employee Committee (PEC) to begin the discussion around Municipal Health Insurance Reform M.G.L., Chapter 32B, sections 21-23. Since the October meeting, we have been pulling together information outlining insurance plans that would meet the requirements of the reform legislation and will be presenting additional information to the PEC on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

My intent is to settle the insurance reform issues with our PEC outside of the legislation as many communities have done. I am coming to Council seeking the adoption of the legislation so that if I cannot come to agreement with the PEC, I can begin the legislative process (which has very specific timelines) to assure that we will have insurance solutions in place for the open enrollment process and the FY2014 budget.

I respectfully request adoption of the Order as presented which will allow me to engage in the Section 32B requirements if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor

RJA:ll



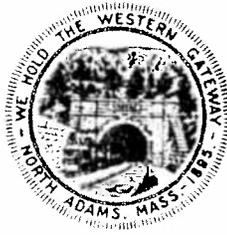
# City of North Adams

In City Council

.....*February 12, 2013*.....

— Ordered: —

“The City of North Adams elects to engage in the process to change health insurance benefits under M.G.L. c. 32B, §§ 21 through 23.”



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

February 12, 2013  
#12

The Honorable City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Re: Tax ~~Classification~~ – FY2013

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Please be advised that the Board of Assessors is declaring an overlay surplus in fiscal year 2009 in the amount of \$51,570.00. An overlay surplus results when any balance in the overlay account of a given year is in excess of the amount remaining to be collected or abated. All or a portion of that surplus amount is eligible to be transferred to an overlay surplus account by the Board of Assessors. Once the funds have been transferred they can be appropriated by the City Council for any lawful purpose.

We are asking that the entire amount of \$51,570.00 be appropriated to cover one third of the cost of the Cyclical Inspection mandated by the State of Massachusetts. The Cyclical Inspection is due in fiscal year 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor

RJA:ll



# City of North Adams

In City Council

February 12, 2013

Ordered:

That a sum of Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$51,570) for the first third of the Cyclical Inspection be and is hereby appropriated from the overlay surplus account to:

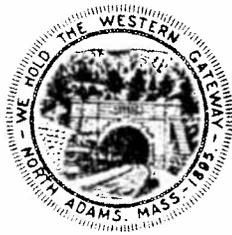
1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ASSESSOR

EXPENSES

OUTSIDE INSPECTION SERVICES

\$51,570.00



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

February 12, 2013  
#13

The Honorable City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Re: Purchase of the rear of 177 River Street

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I am writing to ask that the City Council authorize the purchase of the rear of 177 River Street from M. Callahan Inc. When the City of North Adams created the Houghton Street Park it made improvements on this land not owned by the City. My administration has been in negotiations for two years to secure the purchase of this property and the parties have agreed to a sum of Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars

I ask that the City Council approve the purchase of this property.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor

RJA:ll



# City of North Adams

In City Council

February 12, 2013

Ordered:

WHEREAS, the City North Adams intends to purchase the real property located at the rear of 177 River Street, North Adams in order to gain ownership of the parcel of land of which improvements by the City have encroached upon.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

That the Mayor, acting for and on behalf of the City of North Adams, be and is hereby authorized to purchase the real property and building thereon located at the rear of 177 River Street, North Adams (the "Property"), for the purchase price of Eight Thousand Six Hundred (\$8,600.00) Dollars; and in connection therewith to accept and execute any and all documents required and necessary to effectuate the purchase of the Property.