

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
City Clerk's Office
November 21, 2013

I hereby notify you 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 November 26, 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
November 26, 2013

Roll Call

Moment of silent prayer

The Pledge

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of the minutes of regular meeting held on November 12th.

- 11,320** Communication submitted by Councilor Bond regarding traffic on North Street, which was postponed at the meeting of October 22nd.
- 11,320-1** Councilor Bond submitted a report of the Traffic Commission
- 11,338** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-10 of the Revised Ordinances entitled Office Hours, which was postponed at the meeting of November 12th
- 11,338-1** an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-11 of the Revised Ordinances entitled Hours of Employment, which was postponed at the meeting of November 12th.
- 11,339** Communication submitted by Councilor Breen regarding Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement, which was postponed at the meeting of October 8th.
- 8717-33** Mayor's communication # requesting Council set a Public Hearing for the purpose of establishing the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by the various classes of real property.
- 11,314-1** Communication submitted by Council President regarding the salary for the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE
LICENSES

An application submitted by John F. D'Alessandro, 4 Griffin Hill Road, Savoy to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi.

COUNCILLOR'S & MAYOR'S CONCERNS
OPEN FORUM

City of North Adams

Traffic Commission

10 Main Street – City Hall
North Adams, MA 01247

October 24, 2013

Mr. David Bond
North Adams City Councilor
10 Main Street – City Hall
North Adams, MA 01247

Dear David,

Enclosed please find a copy of the traffic study that was done in the North Street area sections of Veazie Street and Harris Street. It is noted in the report dates, times, locations, weather conditions and if a police cruiser was used. A letter was mailed to all parties who were travelling at a speed greater than 30 m.p.h. (copy enclosed) to inform them of the dangers of this type of operation. The speed limit on North Street is 30 m.p.h.

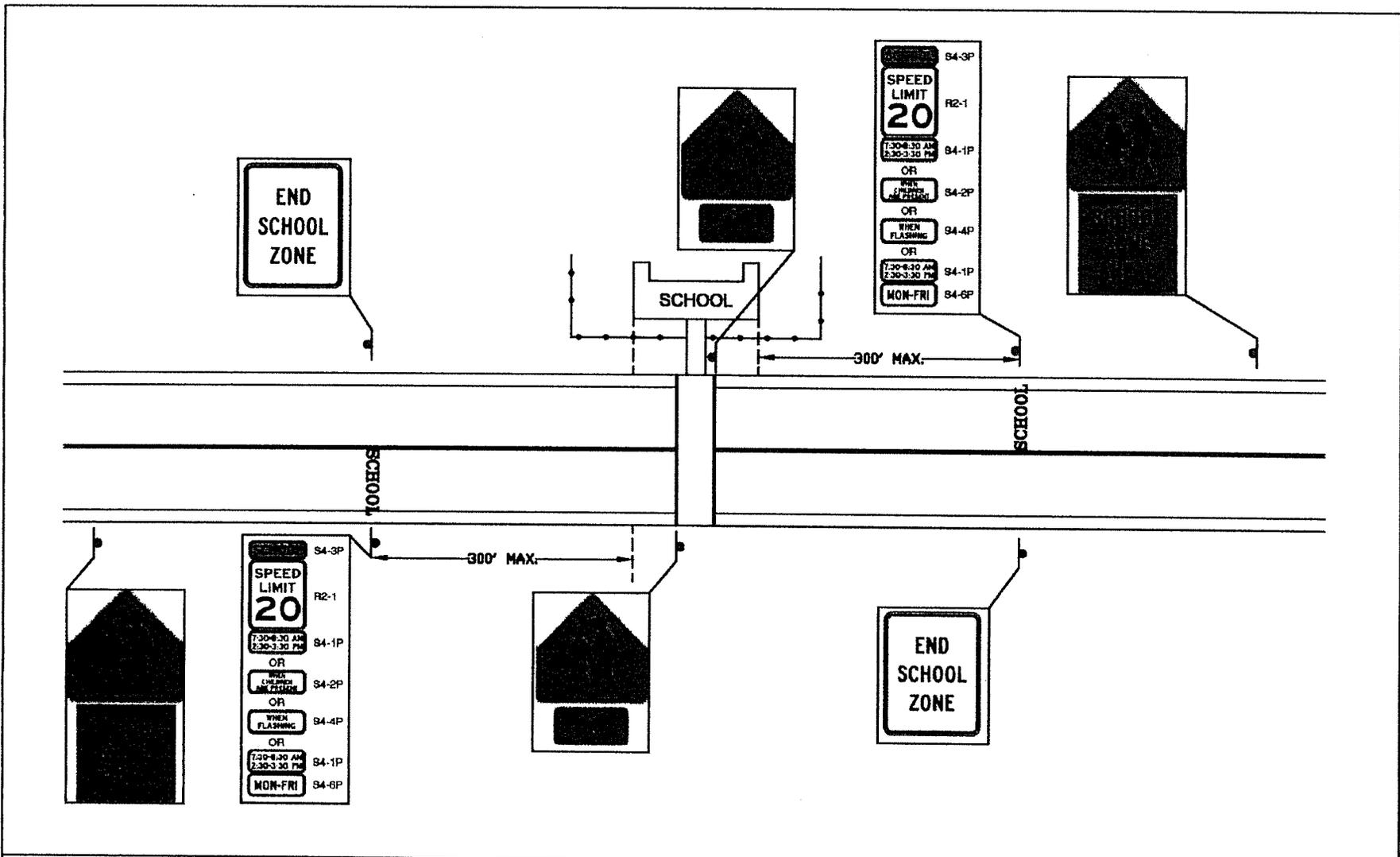
I have also enclosed a copy of the school zone regulations and the regulations for stop signs, all from the State of Massachusetts MUTCD manual.

I hope this will help with any questions residents in this area have.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Mary Ann King, Chairperson



THE MASSACHUSETTS
 AMENDMENTS TO THE MUTCD
 AND THE STANDARD MUNICIPAL
 TRAFFIC CODE
 2012

FIGURE 2
 SCHOOL ZONE
 2 LANE ROADWAY
 NOT TO SCALE

proper legend the legal parking time established by regulation or ordinance and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time permitted and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking by dropping of a signal automatically or some other mechanical operation.

A. Installation

- (1) The distance of the meter from the face of the curb shall be not less than 6 inches nor more than 24 inches but 18 inches is recommended.
- (2) The tops of the meters shall be between 46 inches and 56 inches above the sidewalk.
- (3) The metered spaces which at all times must be clearly indicated by white pavement markings shall not be less than 20 feet but 22 feet is recommended except where angle parking is permitted.

B. Locations – Meters shall not be installed in the following locations:

- (1) In any place where parking is prohibited generally by existing regulations.
- (2) On any street for angle parking on one side where the width of roadway between curbs is less than 75 feet or for angle parking on both sides where the width is less 84 feet. This requirement may be waived for one-way streets and municipal off-street parking areas.
- (3) On any street for angle parking where more than 40% of the traffic during the hours of meter operation is through traffic, or on any numbered route.
- (4) On any street for angle parking when said street is built or improved as a Federal-Aid project.
- (5) On any State Highway.

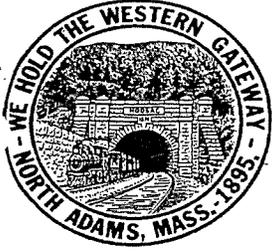
C. Operation

- (1) The days and hours of operation, the duration of permitted parking and the proper fee as set forth in approved regulations shall be plainly indicated on each meter.

Section 10A-4 Stop Signs

The purpose of the Stop Sign is to designate right-of-way to vehicles making conflicting movements. It is not intended, nor shall it be used for the control of speed, traffic calming or to forestall pedestrian, rear-end or turning movement accidents. To insure uniformity in stop sign studies and recommendations, the warrants as provided in the 2009 MUTCD, Section 2B.05 will govern. Stop Signs shall be located as provided in Section 2B.06 of the same.

Multi-way Stop Signs must meet the warrant criteria as outlined in Section 2B.07 of the 2009 MUTCD.



City of North Adams, Massachusetts

Department of Public Safety

11 Summer Street, North Adams, MA 01247 (413) 664-4944 (413) 663-3834

Michael P. Cozzaglio
Director - Police Services

October 24, 2013

Mr. Jones
13 13 Black Street
North Adams, MA 01247

Dear Sir/Madam,

North Adams Police Department records indicate that motor vehicle registration **ERW369** is issued to you. This number plate was displayed on a motor vehicle that was observed traveling at a higher than normal rate of speed in the North Street area on October 21, 2013 between the hours of 4- 5:30 p.m.

We bring this to your attention in the hope of educating you to the dangers of this type of operation which could result in injuries or even death.

Each day, hundreds of students ride buses and are expected to get to and from school safely. It is the goal of the North Adams Police Department to accomplish this task. We solicit your cooperation in this matter and would appreciate your being alert to the fact that school buses often stop to pick up and discharge students along their route.

Please be advised that this is a warning, if your vehicle is seen again traveling at a high than normal rate of speed it could result in a motor vehicle citation.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Cozzaglio
Director of Police

Summary

This traffic study has been prepared to evaluate the traffic speeds on North Street in the areas of Veazie and Harris Streets.

A hand held Genesis-VP radar unit to measure the speed of motor vehicles traveling in these areas was used. Before each use the unit was checked for accuracy using tuning forks and an internal self-test for accuracy of speed.

Accidents

The accident history at the study area locations was researched from the files of the North Adams Police Department for the period between 2003 and 2013. This information revealed that there were four (4) accidents for this period. Two of the four accidents were very minor.

North Street & Veazie Street

October 8, 2013

7 a.m. – 8 a.m.

Clear Day /49

Cruiser used

East Bound Traffic

West Bound Traffic

Below 20 m.p.h.

1

20-25

7

5

26-30

2

9

Above 30

2

Total Vehicles

26

North Street & Veazie Street

October 17, 2013

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Cloudy Day /54

No Cruiser used

East Bound Traffic

West Bound Traffic

Below 20 m.p.h.

20-25

1

4

26-30

3

6

Above 30

3

1

Total Vehicles

18

North Street & Veazie Street

October 17, 2013

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mostly Sunny /57

No Cruiser used

	East Bound Traffic	West Bound Traffic
Below 20 m.p.h.	1	1
20-25	17	16
26-30	6	17
Above 30	5	6
Total Vehicles	69	

** 4 vehicles traveling over 30 m.p.h. were North Street residents.

1 a school bus.

North Street & Harris Street

October 21, 2013

10:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Mostly Cloudy /45

Cruiser used

	East Bound Traffic	West Bound Traffic
Below 20 m.p.h.	2	5
20-25	6	2
26-30	3	1
Above 30	1	1

**** 1 Vehicle traveling 43 m.p.h.**

Total Vehicles 22

North Street & Harris Street

October 21, 2013

4:15p.m. – 5:30p.m.

Mostly Sunny /64

No Cruiser used

East Bound Traffic

West Bound Traffic

Below 20 m.p.h.

2

2

20-25

4

8

26-30

1

4

Above 30

1

3

Harris Street

Below 20 0

20-25 5

26-30 2

Above 30 1

Total Vehicles

33

North Street & Harris Street

October 22, 2013

7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

Partly Cloudy /48

Cruiser used

East Bound Traffic

West Bound Traffic

Below 20 m.p.h.

1

20-25

1

2

26-30

1

4

Above 30

Harris Street

Below 20 0

20-25 0

26-30 2

Above 30 0

Total Vehicles

11



Office of the City Council

City of North Adams

10 Main Street Room 109
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November 26, 2013

Fellow Councilors,

As you know it has been over four years since the salary for Mayor has been adjusted. According to the City Charter, Section 17A, the salary of Mayor may not be increased during the same calendar year.

Therefore any action taken to adjust the compensation of the position must be taken prior to January first.

I would ask that the Finance Committee hold a meeting to discuss this issue and report back with a recommendation to the Council at our regular December 10, 2013 meeting.

Respectfully,

Michael C. Bloom