

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
City Clerk's Office
March 6, 2014

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 11 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 11, 2014

Roll Call

Moment of silent prayer

The Pledge

Approval of the minutes of regular meeting held on February 25th.

- 11,332-1** Mayor's communication #12 recommending rescinding Council Paper #11,332, which was adopted on August 13, 2013.
- 11,332-1** An Order rescinding Council Paper 11,332, which was adopted on August 13, 2013.
- 11,332-2** An Order authorizing the Mayor to dispose of three parcels of land in the Town of Stamford, Vermont.
- 11,358** Mayor's communication #13 recommending the re-appointment of Alan Horbal to the Historical Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2017.
- 11,359** Mayor's communication #14 recommending the re-appointment of Darrell English to the Historical Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2017.
- 11,360** Mayor's communication #15 recommending the re-appointment of Paul W. Marino to the Historical Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2017.
- 11,361** Mayor's communication #16 requesting time to give an update on the City's fiscal future.
- 11,362** Communication submitted by Councilor Wilkinson regarding the school lunch program in the North Adams School system.
- 11,363** Request for a Public Hearing regarding an application for an underground fuel storage Cumberland Farms Inc., 100 Crossing Bld., Framingham, MA, located at 1366 Curran Highway.

**CORRESPONDENCE
LICENSES**

An application submitted by Tanya Cravish, 32 Columbia Street, Adams to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi, which was postponed at the meeting of February 25th.

An application submitted by Terry Gerra, 79 West Main Street to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi, which was postponed at the meeting of February 25th.

An application submitted by Brian Johnson, 19 Bieniek Ave, Adams to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi, which was postponed at the meeting of February 25th.

An application submitted by David Smith, 920 Daniels Road, Clarksburg to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi, which was postponed at the meeting of February 25th.

An application for a secondhand license in the business name of "Once Around the Block", located at 18 Holden Street, submitted by Stephanie Melito, 4 Gilead Street, Adams. The application has had all the appropriate approvals from the Planning Board and the Police Director.

An application submitted for a renewal of a secondhand license in the business name of "Maryann-tiques", located at 615 Ashland Street. The application has the appropriate approval from the Police Director.

OPEN FORUM

COUNCILLOR'S & MAYOR'S CONCERNS



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

March 11, 2014

#12

To: North Adams City Council
Re: Sale of Surplus land

Dear Honorable Councilors:

As you may recall, the City Council previously approved the sale of three parcels of land in the Town of Stamford. It has been determined by legal counsel that a more detailed description of the property is needed in order to finalize the sale. The accompanying order further details the property allowing the City of North Adams to complete the sale of the Stamford parcels for \$184,000.

I would respectfully recommend that Council Paper #11,332 as adopted on August 13, 2013 be rescinded and the accompanying order further defining the property in the Town of Stamford be approved.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



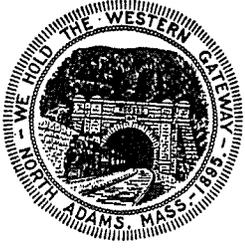
City of North Adams

In City Council

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Ordered:

That Council Order 11,332 as adopted on August 13, 2013 be and is hereby rescinded.



City of North Adams

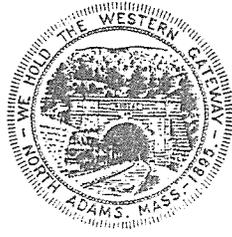
In City Council

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Ordered:

That the City Council of the City of North Adams, a governmental body duly authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Sections 1 and 3 to engage in the disposition and conveyance of real estate, hereby declares three certain parcels of land owned by the City of North Adams hereafter described to the City Council, said land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purpose, and for the express purpose of disposing the same, all in accordance and compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16. Said parcels are described as three noncontiguous parcels of land in the Town of Stamford, Vermont with a combined area of 351 acres more or less, shown as Stamford Tax Parcel ID#'s 00TR13017L000, 00TR13017L001 and 00TR13017L002 and further described in various deeds recorded in Book 17, Page 550, Book 19, Page 142 and Book 22, Page 483.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to dispose of said land, including, but not limited to, the execution of a deed of conveyance pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16, all applicable provisions of which have been complied with.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

March 11, 2014

#13

To: North Adams City Council
Re: Appointment to the Historical Commission

Dear Honorable Councilors:

It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Alan Horbal to the Historic Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2017.

Alan has served on the Commission for many years and has been instrumental in the preservation of records in the City. He is a committed and valuable member.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

March 11, 2014

#14

To: North Adams City Council
Re: Appointment to the Historical Commission

Dear Honorable Councilors:

It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Darrell English to the Historic Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2017.

Darrell has served on the Commission for many years and as many of you know is the founder of the New England Holocaust Institute. He is a committed and valuable member.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

March 11, 2014

#15

To: North Adams City Council
Re: Appointment to the Historical Commission

Dear Honorable Councilors:

It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Paul W. Marino to the Historic Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2017.

Paul has served on the Commission for many years and is one of our most active and knowledgeable local historians. He is a committed and valuable member.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

March 11, 2024

#16

To: North Adams City Council
Re: FY2014 Budget Update

Dear Honorable Members:

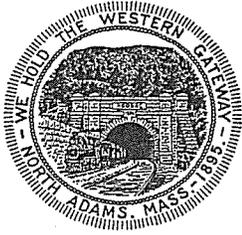
As I have conveyed throughout the year and in past years, the City budget continues to feel the pressure of over expenditures in certain large line items that are somewhat out of our control. The three main categories remain Police and Fire Salaries due to overtime and Veterans' Benefits due to increases in claims. Additionally and as you all know, state funding has not come back and our own ability to raise revenue is at best limited.

I respectfully request time at this meeting to give an update of where we currently are, where we project the year to close, how we intend to fill the gaps and what is in our fiscal future. I will be speaking with Councilor Bullett to set several meeting dates of FINCOM at which time I will provide more detailed information on the current budget as well as preliminary discussions on the FY2015 document.

Thank you for allowing me this time to speak.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor



Office of the City Council

City of North Adams

10 Main Street Room 109
North Adams, Massachusetts 01247
(413) 662-3015

March 11, 2014

City of North Adams
City Council,

Fellow Councilors,

A situation has come to my attention that deeply concerns me. It appears that the North Adams School System is practicing a form of discrimination in its food service program. Please see the attached Sullivan School Newsletter for February 2014.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines discrimination as:

“The practice of unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or group of people.”

Black’s Law Dictionary defines discrimination as:

“The prejudicial treatment of an individual based on their actual or perceived membership in a certain group or category, in a way that is worse than the way people are usually treated.”

This is what is occurring in the school lunch program. If a child’s parents have not paid for the child’s lunch then these children are singled out and receive an “alternative lunch” until the parents pay up the balance of the bill. Please refer to the newsletter for what constitutes the “alternative lunch” vs the “regular” hot lunch. Even if that child brings money from home to pay for lunch that child still gets the “alternative lunch” until the debt is paid. Why is the school system using “collection agency tactics” against innocent children in order to satisfy the parent’s debt? There has to be a better way.

Forcing an “alternative lunch” on the children under these circumstances meets the definition of discrimination cited above. All children should receive the same lunch regardless of what the parents owe. The children do not owe the money.

I think this situation deserves the attention of the city council.

Respectively submitted

Wayne J Wilkinson
Councilor



Sullivan School

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February 2014

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR!

NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS



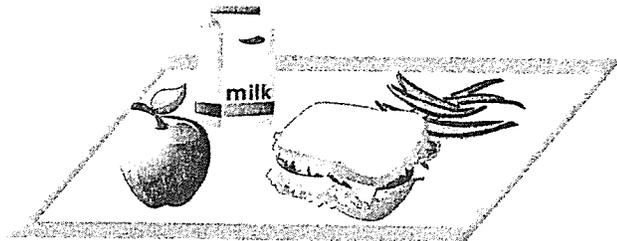
Mr. Jon Slocum is our new Dean of Students. We share him with Greylock School. If you see him say hello and welcome him to our school.

2014 School Lunch Prices:

Student Lunch: \$2.10

Reduced Student Lunch 40¢

Adult lunch: \$3.75



New 2014 No Credit Lunch Policy

All schools in our district now have a no credit policy for all students. If a student does not have lunch money and/or owes money from previous days they will be provided an alternative USDA nutritionally complete meal instead of the hot lunch of the day (but is still charged \$2.10 for the sandwich lunch). A sample alternative lunch: Ham, turkey, or bologna sandwich, vegetable of the day, fruit and milk. The student will not be able to purchase a hot lunch until his/her balance is no longer in the negative and there is sufficient funds to pay for a meal. If the student owes money and brings in money to purchase a lunch, that money will go toward the balance owed, not to purchase hot lunch. Then the student will be told he/she will get the alternative lunch again, not the hot lunch.

Lunches can be paid daily or you can put money on your child's account. The easiest way to put money on account is to send or bring a check in to school. The next best way is to send or bring your check to Food Services at NAPS Administrative Offices over Berkshire Bank. You can monitor your child's account online by creating an account on MySchoolBucks.com. (It is a free monitoring service, but FYI there is a fee to put money on the lunch account online, so send in your check to school) You will be emailed for low balances (\$6.30 or less, 3 meals), if we have an email on file. Negative meal account balance letters will be mailed monthly.

You can email any lunch questions to Cory Nicholas, Food Services Director at: cnicholas@napsk12.org

You can view our newsletters in color online at <http://lincs2napsk12.org>.



FP-2A
(Rev. 04-2010)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
City/Town of North Adams

Application For License

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148 §13

New License Amended License

GIS Coordinates

LAT.

LONG.

License Number

Application is hereby made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws of Massachusetts for a license to store flammables, combustibles or explosives on land in buildings or structures herein described.

Location of Land: 1366 Curran Highway TM# 15 0 13
Number, Street and Assessor's Map and Parcel ID

Attach a plot plan of the property indicating the location of property lines and all buildings or structures.

Owner of Land: Cumberland Farms Inc.

Address of Land Owner: 100 Crossing Boulevard - Framingham, MA 01702

Use and Occupancy of Buildings and Structures: Convenience Store with gasoline sales

If this is an application for amendment of an existing license, indicate date of original license and any subsequent amendments

Attach a copy of the current license

Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids

Complete this section for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids, and gases; see 527 CMR 14;

Attach additional pages if needed. All tanks and containers are considered full for the purposes of licensing and permitting.

PRODUCT NAME	CLASS	MAXIMUM QUANTITY	UNITS gal., lbs, Cubic feet	CONTAINER UST, AST, IBC, drums
<u>Gasoline*</u>	<u>IB</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>gal.</u>	<u>UST</u>
<u>Gasoline**</u>	<u>IB</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>gal.</u>	<u>UST</u>
<u>Diesel**</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>gal.</u>	<u>UST</u>

* compartment tank
** 20,000 gallon compartment tank (one of 12,000 gal and one of 8,000 gal.)

Total quantity of all flammable liquids to be stored: 32,000 gal

Total quantity of all combustible liquids to be stored: 8,000 gal

Total quantity of all flammable gases to be stored: _____

Total quantity of all flammable solids to be stored: _____

LP-gas (Complete this section for the storage of LP-gas or propane)

Indicate the maximum quantity of LP-gas to be stored and the sizes and capacities of all storage containers. (See 527 CMR 6)

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in aboveground containers: _____
List sizes and capacities of all aboveground containers used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in underground containers: _____
List sizes and capacities of all underground containers used for storage: _____

Total aggregate quantity of all LP-gas to be stored: _____

Fireworks (Complete this section for the storage of fireworks)

Indicate classes of fireworks to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 2)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3G: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4G: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: _____ Type/class of magazine used for storage: _____

Total aggregate quantity of all classes of fireworks to be stored: _____

Explosives (Complete this section for the storage of explosives)

Indicate classes of explosive to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 13)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.1: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.2: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.5: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.6: _____ Number of magazines used for storage: _____

I, Charles Meek, hereby attest that I am authorized to make this application. I acknowledge that the information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that all materials stored pursuant to any license granted hereunder must be stored or kept in accordance with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations, including but not limited to Massachusetts Chapter 148, and the Massachusetts Fire Code (527 CMR). I further acknowledge that the storage of any material specified in any license granted hereunder may not exceed the maximum quantity specified by the license.

Signature [Signature] Date 2/18/2014 Name Charles Meek

Fire Department Use Only

I, Stephen A. Meranti, Head of the North Adams Fire Department endorse this application with my

Approval Disapproval

Signature of Head of the Fire Department

Date

2/14/14

Recommendations: Submit FP290 permit form to NAFD and Mass DEP