

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS  
City Clerk's Office  
August 21, 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 August 26, 2014 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  
August 26, 2014

Roll Call

Moment of silent prayer  
The Pledge

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Request from Dufour, Inc, 464 Curran Highway to install a 10,000 gallon aboveground diesel fuel.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup>.

- 11,400** A request submitted by Dufour, Inc. to install an aboveground storage tank for diesel fuel, 10,000 gallons, which was in City Council August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 11,401** Mayor's communication #41 regarding the oath of office for two Police Officers; Jonathan Beaudreau and Nicholas Kaiser.
- 11,402** Mayor's communication #42 submitting a Proclamation, proclaiming September as North Adams Recovery Month.
- 11,377** An Order authorizing the Mayor to petition for Special Legislation concerning a liquor license for Steeple city Liquor/V&V, which was postponed at the meeting of July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 11,377-1** An Order accepting Chapter 138, section 15 of the MGL; Liquor License, Steeple City Liquor/V&V, which was postponed at the meeting of July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 11,385** Communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding a speed limit at Wheel Estates, which was referred to the Public Safety Committee and Traffic Commission and postponed to the meeting of July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 11,388** Communication submitted by Councilor Buddington regarding the Employee Handbook, which was referred to the General Government Committee and postponed at the meeting of July 8<sup>th</sup>.

- 9625-6** Communication submitted by Councilor Lamb regarding litter in the City, which was postponed at the meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 11,403** Mayor's communication #43 recommending the re-appointment of Rosemari Dickinson to the North Adams License Commission for a term to expire June 1, 2019.
- 9963-b** Mayor's communication #44 recommending an increase in Cemetery Fees and Perpetual Care.
- 9963-b** An Ordinance amending Chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances entitled Department of Public Services, Section 7-19 entitled Price of Lots and Perpetual Care.
- 11,404** Communication submitted by Councilor Lamb regarding the support of banning the Fracked Gas Pipeline and support sustainable Energy in the Commonwealth.
- 11,404** A Resolution submitted by Councilor Lamb supporting the ban of Fracked Gas Pipeline and support sustainable energy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **LICENSE**

An application submitted by Roland Forrest, 133 Beaver Street, to drive taxi for Michael McMillian, City Cab.

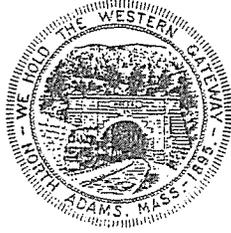
An application submitted by John Braman, 22 Pine Street, Adams, to drive taxi for Michael McMillian, City Cab.

An application submitted by Scott A. O'Hearn, 419 Church Street to drive taxi for Michael McMillian, City Cab.

An application submitted by Keith Bona for a secondhand license in the business name of "West Summit Merchant:, located at 2350 Mohawk Trail.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

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



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

August 26, 2014

#41

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: Oath of Office – Police Officers

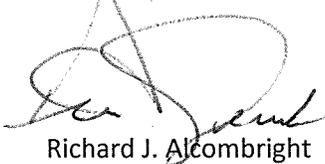
Dear Honorable Members:

I am very pleased to inform you that Jonathan Beaudreau and Nicholas Kaiser current reserve police officers, have successfully completed the full-time police academy. As in the past, I would like to have these officers take their oaths in Council Chambers.

Both gentlemen have served the City and department very well over the past few years as reserve officers and will be filling two vacant full-time positions.

We wish these young men well as they take this next step in their law enforcement career.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright #42

August 26, 2014

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: North Adams Recovery Month – Proclamation

Dear Honorable Members:

In you packet, you will find a document proclaiming September, 2014 as “North Adams Recovery Month”.

As you know addiction and in many cases the underlying mental health issues driving that addiction, are a serious public health issue here in our City and throughout the Country. My administration along with this Council has shown significant support of the wonderful efforts going on in our community to help find solutions and diminish the stigma surrounding mental health illness and the disease of addiction.

I trust you will support this proclamation and continue that support by attending the Candlelight Vigil to be held at Noel Field on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor

# CEMETERY RATES

## RESIDENT RATE - CURRENT

TYPE LOT	PLOT	PERP. CARE	TOTAL
SINGLE	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$275.00
2 GRAVE	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$550.00
4 GRAVE	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,100.00

## PROPOSED

TYPE LOT	PLOT	PERP. CARE	TOTAL	DIFFERENCE
SINGLE	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$225.00
2 GRAVE	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$450.00
4 GRAVE	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00	\$900.00

## NON-RESIDENT RATE - CURRENT

SINGLE	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
2 GRAVE	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
4 GRAVE	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00

## PROPOSED

SINGLE	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$900.00	\$400.00
2 GRAVE	\$1,400.00	\$400.00	\$1,800.00	\$800.00
4 GRAVE	\$2,800.00	\$800.00	\$3,600.00	\$1,600.00



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

August 26, 2014

#43

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: North Adams License Commission

Dear Honorable Councilors:

It is with great confidence that I recommend the re-appointment of Rosemari Dickinson to the North Adams License Commission for a term to expire June 1, 2019.

Rosemari has served the Commission as its secretary and as a member for many years and brings significant experience to this appointment.

I respectfully request confirmation.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

August 26, 2014

#44

The Honorable City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

RE: Cemetery Fees & Perpetual Care

Dear Honorable Members:

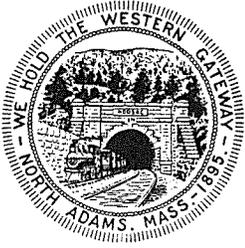
The Cemetery Commission is recommending an increase in the price of cemetery lots and perpetual care fees. It has been seven years since the last adjustment and the cost of a cemetery lot and care in North Adams is far less than those of our neighboring communities. For your information, I have included a spreadsheet showing the current rates alongside the proposed rates

We have been able to keep costs down with reduced staffing, but like everything else, other expenses over the last few years have been escalating. As the Council is aware, all money derived from the sales of lots and care must be used for cemetery purposes.

I would respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying ordinance revision.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor



# City of North Adams

In City Council

.....August 26, 2014.....

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of North Adams as follows:

That Chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams entitled Department of Public Services, Section 7-19 entitled Price of Lots and Perpetual Care, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7-19 Price of lots and Perpetual Care.

The Commissioner of Public Services shall sell lots in the name of the City and perpetual care for the same on a basis of the following schedule of prices:

## Resident

Type Lot	Price of Lot	Perpetual Care	Total Price
Single Grave	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
2 Graves	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$1000.00
4 Graves	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00

## Non-Resident

Type Lot	Price of Lot	Perpetual Care	Total Price
Single Lot	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$900.00
2 Graves	\$1,400.00	\$400.00	\$1800.00
4 Graves	\$2,800.00	\$800.00	\$3600.00

Dear Fellow Councilors,

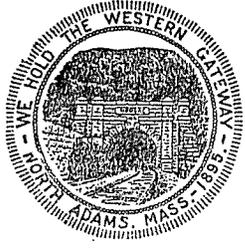
The attached resolution directly stands against the installation and running of a hydraulic fracture obtained natural gas pipeline planned by a private company using public taxation to build and maintain it. Additionally, preliminary studies have shown to this point that building a new pipeline in the state, while current pipelines continue leaking or going underutilized will have little positive impact on residents of the state and may very well be detrimental in the long-term.

In solidarity with our neighboring communities where this pipeline is planned to run, and in the hopes that as a unified Commonwealth we can further the conversation on renewable energy sources and jobs without compromising the natural beauty, and infrastructure of our aging energy systems while also not instituting unnecessary additional taxation and fees on residents of the state, I hereby offer the following resolution for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration in acceptance of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Councilor Lamb



# City of North Adams In City Council

August 26, 2014

## **Resolution to Ban “Fracked Gas” Pipeline and to Support Sustainable Energy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

WHEREAS: a proposed High-Pressure Pipeline carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing may come through The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bringing said fuel en route from Richmond to Dracut, Massachusetts, to be used for electricity generation; and

WHEREAS: said pipeline goes against current Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ commitments to renewable energies and combating global climate change; and

WHEREAS: said pipeline would destroy significant swaths of forests, conservation land and farmland; and

WHEREAS: a high-pressure gas pipeline, by its nature, carries the potential for leaks, rupture, and/or damaging explosions causing untold damage to lives, public health, public safety and to property; and

WHEREAS: the cost of said pipeline would require Massachusetts’ citizens to pay a utility bill tariff as well as environmental costs not required by law for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“TGP” a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.), making ratepayers bear financial risk for the endeavors of a private corporation; and

WHEREAS: We, the City Council and residents of The City of North Adams, County of Berkshire, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, choose not to participate in such encumbrances to the life, vibrancy, economic stability, and general well-being of our neighbors in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in The State of New York and elsewhere, wherever hydraulic fracturing is occurring and the pressurized pipeline is running;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Residents of The City of North Adams, Massachusetts;

1. Hereby call on our Mayor Richard J. Alcombright and members of the City Government to stand in opposition to TGP’s high-pressured pipeline and not allow it within The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

2. Oppose said pipeline, and/or any pipeline, carrying natural gas obtained through hydraulic fracturing within the borders of our Commonwealth or The United States; and
3. Hereby request our State and Federal Legislators and our Executive Branch Officials to enact legislation, and take such other and further actions, as is necessary to disallow such projects that go against our commitments to life, the environment, our economic well-being and our personal health and safety; and, instead, to legislate more stringent energy efficiency and further exploration of, and subsidies for, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar; and also

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals receive an Official Copy of This Resolution

President Barack Obama  
United States Senator Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senator Edward Markey  
United States Representative Richard Neal  
Governor Deval L. Patrick  
State Senator Benjamin B. Downing  
State Representative Gailanne M. Cariddi