

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS  
Office of the City Clerk  
February 5, 2020

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 regular meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday Evening, February 11, 2020 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Deborah M. Pedercini  
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
February 11, 2020

Roll Call  
Moment of silent remembrance  
The Pledge  
Approval of the minutes of January 28, 2020

- 11,811**      Communication submitted by Councilor LaForest requesting a process for appealing to the City Solicitor which was postponed at the meeting of December 26, 2019.
- 11,831**      An Order accepting Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 17C, The Berkshire Scenic Mountain Act which was postponed at the meeting of January 28, 2020.
- 11,826**      An Ordinance amending the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams regarding the various fees established in the City Code which was postponed at the meeting of December 26, 2019.
- 11,846**      Mayor's communication #8 setting the bond level for the City Treasurer/Tax Collector in the amount \$250,000.
- 11,846**      An Order establishing the bond level for the Treasurer/Tax Collector at \$250,000.
- 11,847**      Mayor's communication #9 setting the bond level for the Assistant City Treasurer at \$62,500.
- 11,847**      An Order establishing the bond level for the Assistant City Treasurer at \$62,500.
- 11,848**      Mayor's communication #10 setting the bond level for the City Clerk in the amount of \$15,000.
- 11,848**      An Order establishing the bond level for the City Clerk in the amount of \$15,000.

- 11,849** Mayor's Communication #11 declaring property located at American Legion Drive.
- 11,849** An Order authorizing the Mayor in accordance with MGL, Ch. 30B, Sec. 16, to declare property located at American Legion Drive, Map #151, Lot 62 available for disposition.
- 11,850** An Order calling the Presidential Primary Election for March 3, 2020, from 7:00am to 8:00pm
- 11,851** Communication from Councilor Moulton regarding public safety issues on Route 2 wall and building.
- 11,852** Communication from Councilors Lamb, Blackmer and Sweeney, regarding establishing a working group to improve the lives of members of the community.
- 10,335-3** Communication submitted by the Traffic Commission regarding ten-minute parking on Summer Street.
- 10,335-3** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams, Section 13-50, entitled Parking, time limited on designated streets.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES

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### OPEN FORUM

### MAYOR'S CONCERNS

### LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCILOR CONCERNS

### CORRESPONDENCE



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
**Thomas W. Bernard**

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Communication #	Subject	Date
8	Bonding level for the North Adams Treasurer/Tax Collector	February 11, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Each year at this time the Commissioner of Revenue sets forth the minimum bonding levels for the various city officers whose bonding is required by state statute.

In conformance with this requirement, the amount of bond for the City Treasurer/Tax Collector has been established at \$250,000.00.

Accordingly, I request that Council adopt the accompanying order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Thomas W. Bernard'.

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

In City Council

February 11, 2020

Ordered:

That under the provisions of Section 35 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, the amount of bond for the City Treasurer/Tax Collector be established at \$250,000.00 for the year 2020.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
**Thomas W. Bernard**

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Communication #	Subject	Date
9	Bonding level for the North Adams Assistant City Treasurer	February 11, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Each year at this time the Commissioner of Revenue sets forth the minimum bonding levels for the various city officers whose bonding is required by state statute.

In conformance with this requirement, the amount of bond for the Assistant City Treasurer has been established at \$62,500.00.

Accordingly, I request that Council adopt the accompanying order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas W. Bernard'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

## In City Council

February 11, 2020

Ordered:

That under the provisions of Section 39A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, the amount of bond for the Assistant City Treasurer be established at \$62,500.00 for the year 2020.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
**Thomas W. Bernard**

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Communication #	Subject	Date
10	Bonding level for the North Adams City Clerk	February 11, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Each year at this time the Commissioner of Revenue sets forth the minimum bonding levels for the various city officers whose bonding is required by state statute.

In conformance with this requirement, the amount of bond for the City Clerk has been established at \$15,000.00.

Accordingly, I request that Council adopt the accompanying order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas W. Bernard'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

In City Council

February 11, 2020

Ordered:

That under the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, the amount of bond for the City Clerk be established at \$15,000.00 for the year 2020.





CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
**Thomas W. Bernard**

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<b>Communication #</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>
11	Disposition of city-owned parcel on American Legion Drive	February 11, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Submitted for your consideration is an Order declaring a city-owned parcel on American Legion Drive to be no longer needed for municipal purposes, and available for disposition. This will enable the city to solicit redevelopment proposals for this property.

I request that the Council adopt this Order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

## In City Council

February 11, 2020

Ordered:

That the North Adams City Council, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16, hereby declares the property located at on American Legion Drive, in North Adams, as further described in Assessor's Map #151, Lot 62, to be no longer needed for municipal purposes, and available for disposition without restriction as to use;

**And be it further ordered:** That the mayor of North Adams, acting on behalf of the City Council, be and is hereby authorized to dispose of these parcels in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16, to include executing a purchase and sale agreement for the property.







# City of North Adams

In City Council

February 11, 2020

Ordered:

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause to be published and posted as provided in Section 63 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, the following notice of election:

## PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

March 3, 2020

City of North Adams, Massachusetts

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of North Adams, qualified to vote, will be held on Tuesday, third day of March, 2020 in the following places, namely:

- Ward 1. Saint Elizabeth's Parish Center, 70 Marshall Street
- Ward 2. Saint Elizabeth's Parish Center, 70 Marshall Street
- Ward 3. Saint Elizabeth's Parish Center, 70 Marshall Street
- Ward 4. Saint Elizabeth's Parish Center, 70 Marshall Street
- Ward 5. Saint Elizabeth's Parish Center, 70 Marshall Street

The polls will be opened at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and closed at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and all voters will, in the several wards in which they are entitled to vote, between said hours, give in their votes for:

Presidential Preference  
State Committee Man  
State Committee Woman  
Ward Committee

For this Commonwealth  
Senatorial District  
Senatorial District  
City

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To: North Admas City Council

At 9 o'clock 10 minutes A M

*Deborah M. Pedrini*

City Clerk

From: Councilor Robert Moulton Jr.

Subject: Union Street Mill - Wall

It has come to my attention that in the past several weeks, incidents occurred that has me concerned.

One evening several bricks fell from the mill on Union Street (south side) onto the sidewalk and into the roadway.

My concern with this is that in the past, I can think of two instances where similar incidents have happened. One was the ledge on upper Beaver Street which fell into the roadway, barriers were put up, engineers called in, and lane was closed off for extended period of time. At this time lane is open but barriers remain.

Incident number two is more recent, about four years ago bricks fell into the roadway and sidewalk, there was a very swift response, road closed and sidewalk, public officials, highway department and engineers, and very quickly an emergency order to demolish structure was ordered. In short it was ! Public safety was restored.

What concerns me, the wall along RT2 where bricks have fallen is a public safety issue.

1. Is the structure sound?
2. Has the structure been looked at recently?

3. Is there liability insurance on the structure?
4. Is the city in anyway liable for pedestrians or cars?
5. Is there a short term plan for structure?

I feel that this building or wall is a serious public safety issue, and would like to see this looked into as soon as possible.

Respectively Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Moulton Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert Moulton Jr.



**Office of the City Council**  
**City of North Adams**  
10 Main Street Room 109  
North Adams, Massachusetts 01247  
(413) 662-3015



February 11th, 2020

Dear Fellow Councilors,

Several years ago, the City Council of North Adams adopted a resolution declaring North Adams a “Safe and Inclusive Community.” While this resolution inspired meaningful conversations, and a number of individual efforts spearheaded by Councilors and community members alike, it has not done enough. Since adoption of the resolution, numerous incidents have occurred in the City that represent a direct affront to this resolution and what it stands for. At the same time, a number of actions and decisions of the Council body itself have occurred that have not fully included and embraced an approach that supports equitable inclusion of underrepresented populations within our community. This is not to say that we have not done great things, but it is to say that we can always do better.

Legislating with an approach that takes diversity, equity and inclusion seriously is not only legislation supportive of underrepresented people, but it is legislation that is good for the entire City. Consider the legislation that required curb cuts for sidewalk access. This was initially created to support those with disabilities, but the benefits are much further reaching. Whether it is a child, elder, person pushing a stroller, or someone on a bike, curb cuts are a benefit across the board and something we come to expect as a best practice. This is just one example of how taking a tactical and equitable approach to legislation can improve the lives of all members of the community.

We must do better, and in order to begin to apply awareness and best practices around diversity, equity and inclusion into our work as a legislative body, we are asking that the City Council Chair establish a working group to focus on the development of the two approaches identified below:

1. The identification and implementation of a workshop program for the full Council, and others in the City Administration. This training will seek to help us build a consistent basic understanding and awareness around the important aspects of diversity, equity and inclusion, in the context of our duties and responsibilities as City Councilors
2. The development of a Statement of Equitable Practice, aligned with the work of the National League of Cities, to be signed by each member of the Council upon completion of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion workshop(s). This statement should be considered a significant commitment and component of our oath of office that aims to prevent us from neglecting those who consistently go underrepresented in government decision making practices.

Each of us has committed to being a representative of the people of North Adams, and we commend every person who has taken on this role and the responsibilities it carries; from the founding of North Adams through today. But as we move further into a new year and a new council, it is upon us to do the work needed to take meaningful and well informed steps to being truly equitable in our legislative responsibilities going forward. It is in this spirit, that we thank you in advance for your support of these identified endeavors. We look forward to working with all of you as we seek to become the Council that all members of our community deserve.

Sincerely,

Councilor Benjamin Lamb  
Councilor Lisa Blackmer  
Councilor Jessica Sweeney



# North Adams Traffic Commission

To: North Adams City Council President Paul Hopkins

North Adams City Council

On July 22, 2019, the Traffic Commission had its regular meeting. On the agenda was a letter from Mike Deep representing the Deep Insurance agency. Mr. Deep requested that the first metered parking space on Summer St. from Ashland be replaced with a 10 min. timed space. In summery Mr. Deep explained that the spaces on Summer Street are often taken up by employees of other businesses who park there all day. This leaves it difficult for his customers to run in and out of the agency. After a discussion the commission voted 4-2 to approve the request. Attached please find the agenda to the July 2019 meeting. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

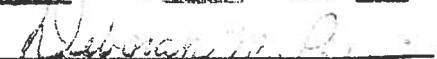
Respectfully submitted,



David Sacco, Chair

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At 11 o'clock 10 minutes A M

  
City Clerk

# North Adams Traffic Commission

10 Main Street

North Adams, Ma. 01247

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At 9 o'clock 05 minutes A M  
Deborah M. Pedercini  
City Clerk

## Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2019

### Members Present:

David Sacco

MaryAnn King

Jonathan Beaudreau

Paul Markland

Amanda Chilson

Eric Buddington

### Members Not Present:

Ian Wilson

### Public Present:

Mike Deep

John LeClair

Meeting Start: 6:02pm

1. **Accept the minutes of the May meeting. If required confirm that there was no meeting in June and all items carried over to July meeting: Motion to Accept May Minutes, Seconded, All in Favor- Motion Passed.**
2. **Update on the Olds street line of sight concern.** Nice email from Gail that the hedges were taken down and site lines are back.
3. **Update on the speed limit signs Reservoir Rd/ Notch Rd area.** Request from Gary Rivers, no speed limits signs posted. **Motion** to request appropriate speed limit signage on Reservoir Road, motion seconded, all in favor. **Motion passed.** (DPW will put up signs, follow up at next meeting)
4. **A request from Mike Deep for 10 min parking in the first space on Summer off of Ashland.** All meters on Summer St. currently 10-hour meters, that first space on Summer St. in front of Mike Deep's office is plugged for extended time. Mr. Deep would like a space for his customers that have quick transactions at his business. **Motion:** Change first metered parking space to 10 minute parking as

requested by Mr. Deep. **Motion passed 4- 2**, MaryAnn and Jonathan were not in favor. (MaryAnn and Eric will write ordinance and get to Council.)

5. **A request from John LeClair to review parking concerns on Protection Ave. in the area of the athletic complex.** Traffic from State Road to Mr. Leclair's property is congested with the on street parking. Many cars park on and along Protection Ave. during sporting events, also residents parking along road from Corner of Protection towards State Rd. Currently there is no parking from State Rd., the first curb cut of Greylock Works along Westerly side, 212 feet back from State Rd. according to 13-49 of North Adams ordinances. Dave Sacco suggested site visit, for easterly side and how far back to possibly eliminate parking the whole way because of narrower lane width, check in on where the No Parking sign is missing on Westerly side. **Motion:** Table request to September meeting with resident notification, Traffic Commission members perform site visit to take measurements, to help address Mr. Leclair's request. **Motion passed.**
6. **A request from the Chair to have the Traffic Commission review the policy of speed reduction under the new regulation being adopted.** **Motion:** Invite Public Safety Committee, specifically Councilor Lamb, to next traffic commission meeting to better understand how the new regulation was adopted town wide or street by street. **Motion passed** (Amanda will invite Public Safety to next meeting).
7. **A request from the Chair to have the Traffic Commission review the scope and authority of the Commission to authorize any type of speed or traffic study that will incur a cost to the city.** **Motion:** Address this subject matter as point of interest at next meeting with Public Safety. **Motion passed.**

**Meeting Adjourn: 7:11pm**

**Next Meeting: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

Respectfully,

Amanda Chilson, Secretary



# City of North Adams

In City Council

.....February 11, 2020.....

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

That Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams, Article V, Stopping, Standing or Parking Generally, Section 13-50, Parking time limited on designated streets, is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Ten-minute parking:

Add:

Summer Street – Southerly side from a point 30 feet east of the intersection of Ashland Street and extending easterly 20 feet.