

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
Office of the City Clerk
March 18, 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 March 24, 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
March 24, 2020

Roll Call
Moment of silent remembrance
The Pledge
Approval of the minutes of March 10, 2020
Hearing of Visitors

- 11,812** Communication from Councilor LaForest regarding Public Arts Commission and Planning Board, Case number SPA2019-27, regarding Mass MoCA Foundation, Inc., for property located at 25 Marshall Street, 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 February 11, 2020.
- 11,840** An Order authorizing a study in regards to the restoration of children's pillar art located at Route 2, bridge, Veterans Memorial drive which was postponed at the meeting of February 25, 2020.
- 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 which was postponed at the meeting of March 10, 2020.
- 11,851** Communication from Councilor Moulton regarding public safety issues on Route 2, wall and building, which was postponed at the meeting of March 10, 2020
- 11,852** Communication submitted by Councilors Lamb, Blackmer and Sweeney regarding establishing a working group to improve the lives of members of the community which was postponed at the meeting of March 10, 2020.

- 11,860** Communication submitted by the North Adams Traffic Commission recommending stop signs at the intersection of East Main, Pleasant and Miner Streets which was referred to the Public Safety Committee and postponed at the meeting of February 25, 2020.
- 11,863** Mayor's communication #17 requesting time to provide updates on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 11,864** Mayor's communication #18 recommending the reappointment of Robert Burdick to the North Adams Planning Board, for a term to expire February 1, 2025.
- 11,865 Mayor's communication #19 regarding Chapter 13, Section 13-52, overnight parking ban.
- 11,865 An Order authorizing the Mayor to supersede Chapter 13, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams, Section 13-52, lifting the all night parking ban, 12:00 am, April 1, 2020.
- 11,866 Communication submitted by the Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding the acquisition of land in the City of North Adams.

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Thomas W. Bernard

Communication #	Subject	Date
17	Update of the City and regional response to COVID-19	March 24, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I request time on the agenda of the March 24, 2020, meeting of the North Adams City Council to provide updates and address questions and concerns from the Council regarding the Coronavirus pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard
Mayor

TWB/me



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Thomas W. Bernard

Communication #	Subject	Date
18	Reappointment to the North Adams Planning Board	March 24, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I am pleased to recommend Robert Burdick for reappointment to the North Adams Planning Board for a term to expire February 1, 2025. **This recommendation is presented for Council approval.**

I believe Mr. Burdick will continue to provide valuable insight and practical experience to the commission and its work.

I request Council confirmation of this appointment recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard
Mayor

TWB/me



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Thomas W. Bernard

Communication #	Subject	Date
19	Order to Lift the Winter Parking Ban as of April 1, 2020	March 24, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Submitted for your consideration is an Order to end the City's winter parking ban as of 12:00:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Although the parking ban ordinance was amended in 2019 to change the ending date of the parking ban from April 30 to April 15, for this year I propose lifting the ban early, with the understanding that in the case of inclement weather the city will declare a snow emergency as needed.

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

March 24, 2020

Ordered:

That the City Council authorizes the mayor to supersede the provisions contained in Chapter 13, Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Article V, Stopping, Standing, or Parking Generally; Section 13.52, All night parking; of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams, and to lift the city's winter parking ban effective 12:00:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2020.



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MAR 11 2020 20
At 12 o'clock 30 minutes P M
Deborah W. Pedersen
City Clerk

March 9, 2020

Paul Hopkins, Council President
City of North Adams
City Council
10 Main Street
North Adams, MA 01247

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

In keeping with the provisions of 301 CMR 51.00, we would like to inform you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), has under consideration the acquisition of a conservation restriction in two parcels of land in the City of North Adams. The parcels comprise approximately 45+/- acres of land. The current use of the parcels are forestry and open space. Enclosed is a locus map marked "Exhibit A" which shows the parcels in which DCR is interested.

The applicable regulations require that an agency proposing to acquire a property interest announce its intentions in public in a local forum. To comply with this requirement, we ask that the City Council announce that the Commonwealth is considering this acquisition at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Please document the announcement on the enclosed form and return the form to DCR in the self-addressed envelope, enclosed for your convenience.

Should DCR decide to pursue this acquisition, it may be necessary to complete the transaction in less than the 120-day notice period otherwise required. We therefore ask that you agree to this reduction in time, and indicate your approval of the reduction on the waiver form enclosed herewith, and return it to DCR in the enclosed envelope.


Should you have any questions regarding this matter, kindly contact Craig Cashman, Director of Government Affairs at 617-626-4991. For your information, DCR has sent a similar notice to Mayor Bernard, Senator Adam G. Hinds, Representative John Barrett III, and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa P. McCarthy
Assistant General Counsel

/Enc.
Certified Mail No. 7015 1520 0002 7607 5716 Return Receipt Requested
DCR File #: P-000941

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Jim Montgomery, Commissioner
Department of Conservation & Recreation

**120 DAY WAIVER FORM
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS**

Pursuant to Code of Massachusetts Regulations Chapter 301 Section 51.0, et. seq., I, Paul Hopkins, President of the City Council of the City of North Adams, hereby agree to waive the 120-day notice period as required by said section, relative to two parcels of land of approximately 45 acres in the City of North Adams as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto in which the Department of Conservation and Recreation is considering acquiring an interest.

Date: _____, 2020

Paul Hopkins
Council President

CERTIFICATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS**

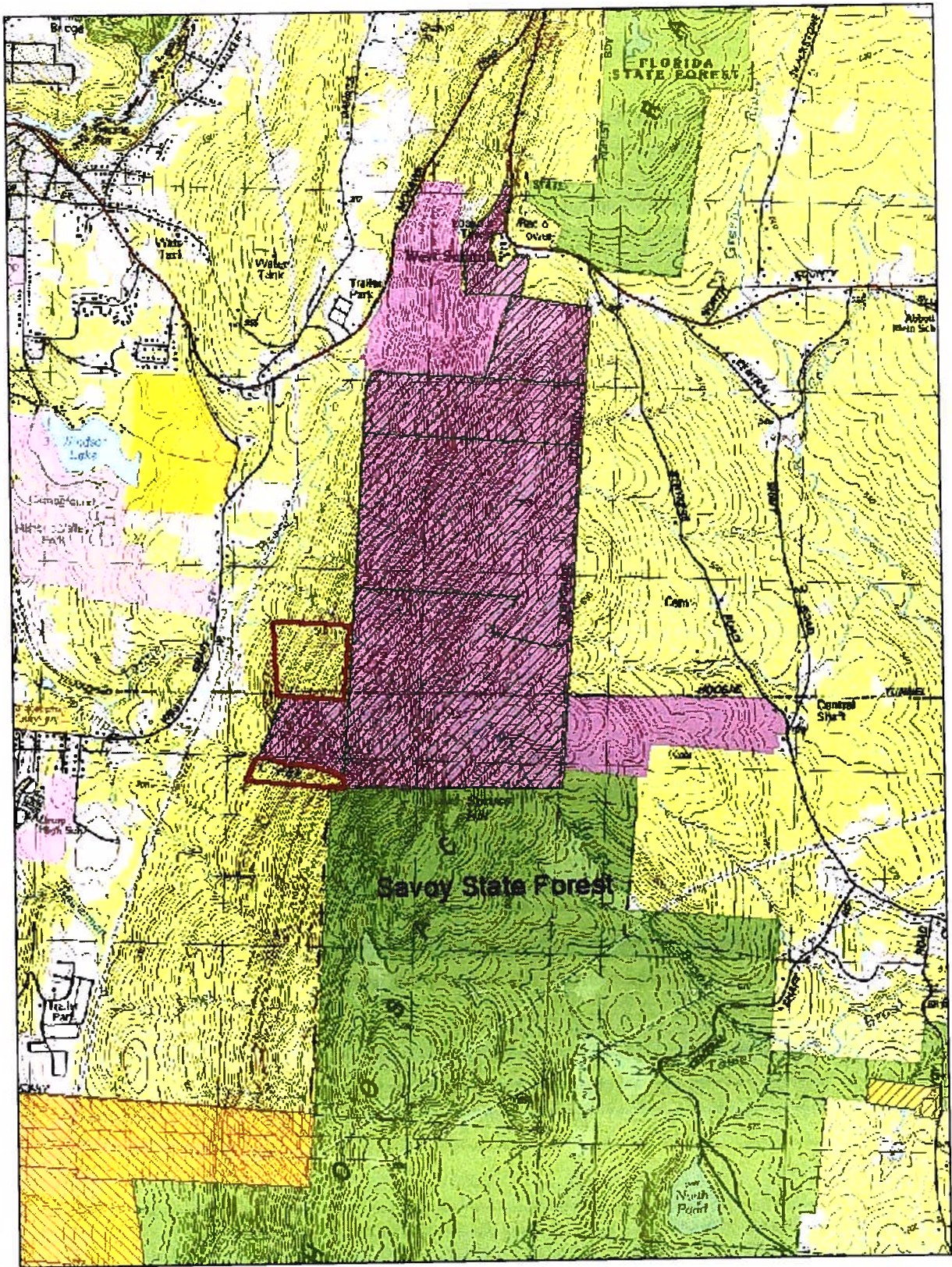
I, _____,
Clerk of the City Council of the City of North Adams, Massachusetts, do hereby certify that on
_____, 2020, it was announced at a public meeting of
the City Council that:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation might acquire a conservation restriction in two parcels of land located in North Adams as shown on the attached locus map marked as “Exhibit A.”

Dated: _____, 2020

Clerk

Exhibit A



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Legend

 Subject Property

