

**Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

**Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Anne Sterling, Barbara Mank, Barbara Mann, Dennis Colbert, Flora Tonthat, Linda Stark, Nina Cohen, Gabriel Ciociola, Denise Regan, Mira Riggan, Cynthia Jerzylo, Lori Hart

**Staff Present:** Dominick Pangallo (Office of Mayor Driscoll)

**Approval of July 8, 2020 minutes:** Approved

**Haunted Happenings:** Kate Fox (Destination Salem), David Greenbaum (Health Agent), and Captain Mark Losolfo (Police Department) provided an update on the current and evolving plans for October and Halloween in Salem during COVID-19. They fielded questions from members about gatherings, trick or treating, promotions, events, traffic and road closures, and public health protocols.

**Neighborhood Association Updates:**

- **Bridge Street Neck** – Walk audit completed, waiting on the results.
- **Barnes/Clark/Wyman** – Fence down on Highland Avenue at former Cinemaworld site. Rock crushing louder from Aggregate. Question about Comcast closing their Salem office.
- **Northfields** – Historic Salem Inc. house tour planned for October as a virtual event.
- **Chestnut Street** – Traffic calming pilot underway.
- **Salem Common** – Orange lights are not on. Waiting on Essex Street crosswalk at Narbonne House. Graffiti on one of the Common benches.
- **Broad Street** – Excessive speeding in the neighborhood.
- **Historic Derby Street** – Also seeing lots of speeding. Sidewalks almost done on Derby Street, some punch list items for the contractor to address.
- **Federal Street** – Also seeing lots of speeding.
- **Willows** – Fort Avenue bike lane is in. Waiting on GZA update on the seawall study. Large crowds/gatherings at the Willows this past weekend.
- **Greater Endicott Street** – Basketball game at High Street, no masks, large group. Street sweeping signs seemed to go up too late to be effective.

**City Updates:**

- The City has launched an online permitting portal on August 31<sup>st</sup> and since that date we've processed over 500 permit applications. There are around 50 different permits and licenses on the system. You can find it at [www.salem.com/permitting](http://www.salem.com/permitting).
- The Salem Ferry has discontinued service for the year due to low ridership because of the pandemic.

- Household Hazardous Waste disposal day and e-waste recycling day are coming up. Hazardous Waste is \$20/car and takes place September 12<sup>th</sup> and E-waste is \$20 per item for some items, others are free, and takes place September 26<sup>th</sup>. Both are 8am-noon at Salem High School.
- Stop the Spread COVID testing runs through September 30<sup>th</sup> at Salem High School via walk-up or drive-through. Testing is offered six days a week, weather permitting. The schedule and more details are online at [www.salem.com/stopthespread](http://www.salem.com/stopthespread).
- Fall street sweeping is underway. You can find the schedule and additional details, as well as a searchable map with street sweeping days, at [www.salem.com/streetsweeping](http://www.salem.com/streetsweeping).

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 8:05 p.m.