



City of Salem, Massachusetts
Mayor Dominick Pangallo

Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Kusterer, Richard Lindeman, Wendy Meigs, Flora Tonthat, Cynthia Jerzylo, Dennis Colbert, Lucy Corchado, Gabriel Ciociola, Thomas Stilling

Staff Present: Lisa Peterson (Office of the Mayor)

Special Guests: Daniel Collins – City of Salem Offshore Wind Planner

Approval of 10/11/23 Minutes (Richard Lindeman moves, Cindy Jerzylo Seconds): 6 – 0 – 1, minutes approved.

Daniel Collins, City of Salem Offshore Wind Planner Presentation:

- Daniel Collins gave an update on the status of the proposed Offshore Wind Marshalling Port in the City of Salem. He shared a presentation that explained the designated port area transition/development, the project phases, the image of the site. He indicated that there would be a meeting with Crowley on November 15 including a terminal tour and open house from 4:00-5:30pm and a public information presentation at the House of the Seven Gables from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. For more info, the public should reach out to Crowley at windservices@crowley.com or to Daniel at dcollins@salem.com.

Neighborhood Association Updates:

- **The Willows Neighborhood Association (Cindy Jerzylo):** On Tuesday, November 14th, they will be having a meeting about Pioneer Village – it will be members only due to space constraints.
- **Downtown Neighborhood Association (Tom Kusterer):** People were well-behaved over Haunted Happenings, generally. They remain concerned about the encampment of unhoused people behind Wendy's.
- **Federal Street Neighborhood Association (Dick Lindeman):** Wondering when the traffic calming items will be removed. They have an upcoming meeting on Sunday. Please improve the Ropes Mansion area.
- **Barnes, Clark Wyman Area Neighborhood Association (Bill Colbert):** Please cut back the shrubbery for Winter – the stretch along Barnes across from 26 Clark.
- **Bridge Street Neck Neighborhood Association (Flora Tonthat):** Potholes in front of Northey from Bridge (big dip) – everyone has to go around. Lots of potholes from Bridge to Summer. Gonyea Park – there is a GoFundMe for a number of trees. BSN is restructuring to a rotating chair.
- **Point Neighborhood Association (Lucy Corchado):** The Point has a new ward councillor. The new climate outreach ambassador will be coming to the next meeting. The Beautification Committee will be presenting soon. The end of Park Street (there is a post of some kind) – larger vehicles are having trouble making a right. Will work with Councillor-Elect Jerzylo to update streets and sidewalks.

- **Salem Common Neighborhood Association (Gabe Ciociola)**: A flyer has been published for the holiday concert. Decorating the Common will happen on November 26 from 12:00-2:00pm (all are welcome to join). Christmas in Salem holiday house tours will be in the Common neighborhood this year from December 1-3. Grass cleaning from Halloween is happening.
- **Historic Derby Street Neighborhood Association (Thomas Stilling and Wendy Meigs)**: Friendship update; Halloween lament (tours and traffic jams – massive). Meeting coming up – the Mayor and Kim Emerling. Planning for fun.

City Updates:

- Congratulations to all neighborhoods and residents for another October.
- Congratulations to our newest class of elected officials in Salem (including our own member Cindy Jerzylo who was elected to the City Council representing Ward 1).
- The City of Salem has started charging a small Electric Vehicle charging fee at our public plug-in stations in order to fund the expansion of our EV infrastructure.
- We have launched a new voluntary lockbox registration program for older adults (age 60+) to help facilitate aging in place for those who would like to participate – learn more about it on the city website.
- Salem's Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board recently launched a construction grant program using ARPA funds to support affordable housing.
- Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month flag raising was on November 1st was well attended.
- The Veterans Day Ceremony is Saturday, November 11 at 11:00am at SHS.
- Over Veterans Day weekend, there will be free parking for everyone from November 10-11. City offices will be closed starting Thursday, November 9 at 4:00pm and all day on Friday, November 10). As a reminder, Veterans park for free all the time in Salem.
- Local health departments are holding COVID vaccine clinics (can go to any – make an appointment online) – throughout November.
- Fall Street sweeping schedule is out.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned.