

CITY OF SALEM
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

POSTING DATE AND TIME

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in-person on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of transacting any and all business. Notice of this meeting was posted on September 8, 2026, at 4:39 PM. This meeting is being recorded and is live on S.A.T.V. and Zoom unless technological issues interrupt the transmission.

Councilors absent: Councillor Prosniewski

Council President Merkl presided. At the start of the meeting Councillor Merkl stated for the record that Kristen Sacco is the City Clerk, Pro Temore of this meeting.

Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the record of the previous meeting. **VOTED**

President Merkl requested that everyone please rise to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Salem City Council Land Acknowledgement

The Salem City Council honors that this land is Naumkeag, or fishing place, where generations of Naumkeag people from the Pawtucket band of the Massachusetts Tribe lived and passed through for centuries.

We acknowledge that this is unceded Indigenous land and also acknowledge the Massachusetts Tribe, who continue to honor and hold this land into the present.

Salem's City Council is committed to having ongoing meaningful dialogue with the indigenous peoples who have presence in Salem in order to dismantle the legacies of oppression and inequities that persist today.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Prior to Public Comment Councillor Holappa moved that the Council extend public testimony to 17 minutes to give each person one full minute to speak. Seconded by Councillor Varela. By a Roll Call Vote of 10 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Absent the matter carried. Councillor Prosniewski was recorded as absent.

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- **Linda Szpak:** Opposed changing the Salem city seal, arguing that the seal represents the city's history and should not be erased or rewritten. She said she finds the existing image beautiful and questioned why a depiction of a person from the Spice Islands should be considered unacceptable, comparing it to other historical aspects of Salem that remain part of the city's identity.
- **Jeff Cohen:** Supported changing the city seal and urged the Council to adopt the recommendations of the seal task force. He also suggested that restrictions on speed bikes should apply to all city parks, not just the Common, citing concerns about people traveling at high speeds in parks such as Palmer Cove.
- **Flora Tonthat:** Supported changing the seal and argued that civil rights and racial justice issues should not be decided through a popular vote that could allow a majority to impose its will on a small minority. She cited Salem's racial demographics and said retaining the seal would allow the larger white population to override concerns raised by the AAPI community and other vulnerable groups.
- **Jaya Savita:** Supported replacing the seal, saying the imagery does not represent Salem's history or contemporary community and perpetuates racial stereotypes. She emphasized Salem's historical connections to Asia while arguing that those connections can be recognized without caricaturing Asian people and said changing the seal would reflect Salem's history of evolving with the times.
- **Brett Seferian:** Supported changing the seal and challenged arguments that the existing image should be preserved without imposing contemporary views on it. He argued that the seal was created by white Salem merchants rather than Asian people and said historical evidence shows Asian communities faced discrimination in Salem. He emphasized the principle of "nothing about us without us," arguing that non-AAPI residents should not speak for the AAPI community about how the imagery is perceived.
- **Nicole Eichfret:** Supported changing the seal, emphasizing that Asian Americans and their ancestors should not be represented through caricatures. She said Salem can celebrate its maritime and Asian trade history in ways that do not reduce Asian communities to stereotypical imagery. She also connected the issue to the City Council's land acknowledgment and the broader principle of meaningful dialogue with communities represented by civic symbols.
- **Dr. Aditi Ahlawat Seferian:** Supported changing the seal and spoke about her experience as a Salem AAPI resident and former member of the seal task force. She described facing fear of harassment and backlash while advocating for the change and said the existing imagery is particularly troubling in the current political climate. She urged the Council to act according to its conscience rather than choosing the safer or more popular position.
- **Isabell Leshko:** Supported replacing the seal, citing support from local and state civil rights and community organizations, including the Massachusetts AAPI Commission, NAACP North Shore branch, and Salem's Racial Equity Commission. She argued that retaining the seal would disregard the perspectives of people who experience racism and would prioritize one interpretation of Salem's history over creating an inclusive civic identity.

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- **Professor Thomas Green:** Supported replacing the seal, explaining that a city seal is a public statement about a community's values rather than merely a historical image. He said the existing seal does not represent the values of some Salem residents and suggested preserving it in a permanent historical display while allowing the community to develop a new seal reflecting shared contemporary values.
- **Jennifer Winsor:** Supported retiring the current seal, describing its depiction of an Asian person as stereotypical and racist. She said Salem's maritime history could be represented in a more respectful and contemporary way and noted that other municipalities have replaced symbols viewed as marginalizing.
- **Steve Kapantis:** Opposed changing the imagery, questioning where the process of removing historically problematic symbols would end. He compared the Latin on Salem's flag to the Roman Empire's history of conquest and the dove to Judeo-Christian symbolism, arguing that applying similar standards could eventually require removing multiple elements of the flag and seal.

HEARINGS

Order from National Grid to install Conduits on Essex St., at the intersection of Essex St. and Flint St.

A hearing was held on the order from National Grid to install conduits on Essex Street at the intersection with Flint Street. Appearing in favor was John Jenkins, National Grid Representative, 44 River Street, Beverly, Ma. He stated that National Grid was requesting approval to install one 1-inch conduit and one 2-inch conduit through approximately 13 feet of sidewalk to provide customer service. The customer would be responsible for completing all the associated civil work.

No One appeared opposed.

Councillor Smith moved to close the public hearing. It was so voted
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APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

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404 Appointment of Alphonse Wright of to the Food Policy Council

The Mayor's Appointment of Alphonse Wright of 23 1/2 Broad Street to the Food Policy Council with a term to expire on November 16, 2028, was held until the next meeting, under the rules.

#405 Appointment of Catrina Meyer to the Bicycling & Shared Path Advisory Committee

The Mayor's Appointment of Catrina Meyer of 4 Willow Ave Unit 3 to the Bicycling & Shared Path Advisory Committee with a term to Expire on February 10, 2028 was held until the next meeting under the rules.

#406 Appointment of Elena Rodriguez-DePaul Race Equity Commission

The Mayor's Appointment of Elena Rodriguez-DePaul of 26 Linden Street to the Race Equity Commission with a term expiring on September 10, 2029, was held until the next meeting under the rules.

#407 Appointment of Samantha Stringfellow to the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Mayor's Appointment of Samantha Stringfellow of 4 Bay View Circle to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the Alternate Seat with a term to expire on September 10, 2028, was held until the next meeting, under the rules .

#408 Reappointment of the following boards

The Mayors reappointment to the following boards was held until the next meeting, under the rules.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/ Commission</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
<u>Elena Eimert</u>	<u>Planning Board</u>	<u>260 Wasington Street #23</u>	<u>5 years</u>	<u>9/22/2031</u>
<u>Mark Meche</u>	<u>Historical Commission</u>	<u>1 Lowell Street</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>9/13/2029</u>

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<u>Craig Bilodeau</u>	<u>Bicycling & Shared Path Advisory Committee</u>	<u>10 Ames Street</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>09/13/2029</u>
<u>Stephen Larrick*</u>	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	<u>17 Carlton Street</u>	<u>5 years</u>	<u>09/10/2031</u>

***Moving from alternate to regular seat; alternate seat previously held by Elena Eimert**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

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Donation from The Cummings Foundation, in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$20,000.00) to support the Taxpayer Relief Fund. These funds will be deposited into the Elderly & Disabled Taxpayer Aid Donation

The following Order submitted by the mayor was adopted.

ORDER: To accept a donation from The Cummings Foundation, in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$20,000.00) to support the Taxpayer Relief Fund. These funds will be deposited into the Elderly & Disabled Taxpayer Aid Donation account 83181-4830 in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Councillor Davis stated that the council approved the creation of the fund earlier in 2026 and the generous donation will help launch the new fund.

Donation from Dominic Ballard for a Salem Common bench donation.

The following Order submitted by the mayor was adopted.

ORDER: To accept a donation from Dominic Ballard, in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents(\$4,000.00) for a Salem Common bench donation. These funds will be deposited into the park and Recreation Donation account 24061-4830 in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Councillor Davis thanked Mr. Ballard for the generous donation.

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DONATION FROM EILEEN R. PERRY FOR A SALEM COMMON BENCH

The following Order submitted by the mayor was adopted.

ORDER: To accept a donation from Eileen R. Perry, in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents

(\$4,000.00) for a Salem Common bench donation. These funds will be deposited into the Park and Recreation Donation account 24061-4830 in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Councillor Davis thanked Ms. Perry for the generous donation.

DONATION FROM THE SALEM HARBOR STATION FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE DERBY STREET MILE ROAD RACE

The following Order submitted by the mayor was adopted.

ORDER: To accept a donation from The Salem Harbor Station, in the amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$3,258.76). These funds will be deposited into the Parks and Recreation Donation account 24061-4830 for a donation towards Park, Recreation and Community Services sponsorship of the annual Derby Street Mile Road Race in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Councillor Davis thanked to Salem Harbor Station. Councillor Turowski thanked all of the volunteers for the helping out at this year's race.

RETIREMENT STABILIZATION FUND VACATION/SICK LEAVE BUYBACK

The following order from the Mayor was adopted.

ORDERED:

That the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$156,482.66) be approved within the "Retirement Stabilization Fund Vacation/Sick Leave Buyback" account (83113-5146) to be expended for the contractual buyback(s) listed below in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

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Name	Department	Amount
John Giardi	Electrical	\$7,209.71
Gloria Felix	Assessor	\$826.08
John Gaudet	Police	\$71,884.62
Cathy Fazio	School	\$5,839.74
Robert Caliri	School	\$10,870.20
June Kershaw	School	\$21,583.95
Susan McLaughlin	School	\$38,268.36
Total		\$156,482.66

Councillor Davis moved for a suspension of the rules with no objection. Councilor Davis moved for adoption.

Councillor Davis said these are contractual obligations. This appropriation is necessary to fund, retirement buybacks for employees in the electrical, assessor, police, and school department. And we thank them for their work for the city.

Councillor Flynn thanked each individual and wished them a happy and healthy retirement.

appropriations of funds to pay for prior year invoices using current fiscal year funds

The following order from the Mayor was adopted by a Roll Call Vote of 10-0-1.
 Councillor Prosniewski was recorded as absent.

ORDERED

Per MGL Chapter 44 Section 64 which allows for a municipality to pay for prior fiscal year invoices using current fiscal year appropriations by two-thirds vote of the City Council, being requested for the following departments in the following amounts as listed below in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Department Vendor Amount

IT Department AT&T FirstNet \$ 317.71 IT/GIS-Fixed Cost

Phone/DSL/Communications (11562-5341)

School Department Glenn Burns \$ 8,000.00 School Professional Development Tuition

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City Council Interpreters and Translators Inc. \$ 800.00 City Council Expense
 Contracted Services (11112-5320)
 TOTAL: \$9117.71

Councillor Davis moved for a suspension of the rules with no objection.

Councillor Davis states this is three different items wrapped into one, all of them, paying for, the last fiscal year with funds from this budget. One of them is necessary to pay an outstanding 2025 invoice from the AT&T FirstNet. We have got one to pay an invoice from Interpreters and Translators, Inc. for services rendered for City Council meetings on May 28th and June 25th. And then finally, one is to reimburse the executive principal for Salem High School, Glenn Burns, for a professional development course that he paid for and started in spring of FY25 and completed in the summer of

MEAN-TESTED CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS (SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION)

The following order from the Mayor was adopted

Ordered:

The City of Salem shall continue to provide Mean-Tested Citizen Property Tax Exemptions, also known as the senior tax exemption program, for an additional three years as provide in Chapter 228 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2020, concluding on December 31, 2029.

Councillor Davis explained that Salem adopted the STEP (Senior Tax Exemption Program) in 2020. He noted that the program uses a percentage of the state Circuit Breaker income tax credit to determine the exemption amount, allowing more Salem seniors to qualify for property-tax relief. He also highlighted that the program's income thresholds adjust annually with inflation and that it does not impose asset restrictions, allowing seniors who own valuable homes but have limited incomes to qualify.

Councillor Flynn expressed support for the STEP program and emphasized its importance for seniors struggling with basic expenses such as food, heating, and other bills. He said the Council should help protect seniors from being forced to leave their homes and praised the city for maintaining the program, expressing hope that it will continue in the future.

ELECTRICAL FEES

The following Order submitted by the Mayor was referred to the Committee on Ordinance, Licenses and Legal Affairs.

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Ordered

In the year two thousand and twenty-six

An Ordinance to amend an ordinance relative to
electrical permit fees

*Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem,
as follows:*

Section 1. Chapter 12, Section 12-164 General permit fees are hereby amended by deleting the fee of "\$3.00" as it appears in paragraph (2) and replacing it with the fee of "\$10.00". **Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Sydoriak moves to refer this to the committee on Ordinance, Licenses and Legal Affairs.

Councillor Sydoriak explained that the proposal would modernize Salem's electrical permit fee structure, which had not been updated in about two decades, and bring the fees more in line with those of nearby communities while remaining below some communities such as Lynn. He referred the matter to the Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs Committee to clarify how the electrical permit fees interact with building permit fees and ensure there are no unintended effects. He also noted that the updated fees would help cover the city's administrative costs for processing permits.

Councillor Varela thanked Councillor Sydoriak for referring the proposal to committee and said he wanted a thorough review of how the fee changes would affect the overall permitting process. He noted that permit fees had also been changed the previous year and said the Council should discuss the proposal with the Building Commissioner to understand its practical impact on people applying for permits before adopting the changes.

Ordinance amendment section I chapter 2 noise control sec. 226

The following order was adopted for first passage

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-six

An Ordinance relative to Noise control

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Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows: Section I. Chapter 2 Noise Control, Sec. 22-6. – Special regulations relative to the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall and adjacent streets and sidewalks is hereby amended by:

Inserting the phrase "the two public walkways abutting 20 Central Street running from Central Street to Derby Square" after the words "Cervoni Walkway" as they appear in Section 22-6(b)(2).

Section II. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter. Councillor Smith moved for adoption for first passage.

Councillor Smith said the incorrect street names were likely an innocent mistake because the referenced streets are not actual named streets. Smith also emphasized the importance of enforcing the noise ordinance throughout the entire area, noting that it is densely populated and expected to have increased activity in the coming weeks.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six
 An ordinance relative to Traffic

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

Section 1. Section 49 of Article IV be amended by repealing the following:

Lafayette Place – Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs – easterly bound traffic on Lafayette Place at Salem Street. (1/10/73 DPW 5-664)
 Lafayette Place – Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs – southwesterly bound traffic on Lafayette Place at Salem Street, "Obedience to Stop Signs". (12/7/06)

Section 2. Section 51 of Article V be amended by repealing the following: Salem Street – Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets – easterly side

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And inserting the following:

Salem Street – Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets – easterly side beginning at the intersection with Lafayette Place and extending in a northerly direction for approximately fifty-six (56) feet

Section 3. Section 51B of Article V be amended by inserting the following:

Salem Street – Parking prohibited at certain times on certain streets – westerly side beginning at a point one hundred and thirty (130) feet from the intersection with Lafayette Place and extending in a northerly direction for approximately three hundred (300) feet. No parking, tow zone, except for school faculty, Monday through Friday September to June only 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Salem Street – Parking prohibited at certain times on certain streets – easterly side beginning at a point one hundred and seventy-five (175) feet from the intersection with Lafayette Place and extending in a northerly direction for approximately one hundred and thirty (130) feet. No parking, tow zone, except for school faculty, Monday through Friday September to June only 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Section 4. Section 74 of Article V-A be amended by inserting the following

Salem Street – General Prohibition Towing Zones – westerly side, beginning at the intersection with Lafayette Place and extending in a northerly direction for approximately one hundred and thirty (130) feet.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter. Councillor King moved to adopt for first passage.

Councillor King explained that the proposal includes a series of changes around Lafayette Place and Salem Street near the Sarah Parker Remond School. She said the area has struggled to accommodate student pickup and drop-off since Salem's elementary schools were consolidated and noted that it is the only Salem school where pickup and drop-off occur on a public street rather than school property. Improvements to parking, sidewalks, and street paths had been made over the summer, and the proposed ordinance and signage changes would bring the regulations in line with those improvements. The changes are intended to slow vehicle traffic

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near children, prevent parking that obstructs visibility and movement during pickup and drop-off, and create dedicated parking spaces for school staff and faculty during school hours from September through June to accommodate increased staffing.

Councillor Varela thanked Councillor King for working on the proposal and shared his perspective as a parent who has had children at the school for eight years. He said double-parking and cars creating potentially unsafe situations for children have been ongoing concerns around schools. Varela said he expected the change to streamline the situation and acknowledged that implementation would require some work.

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MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Amendment to noise ordinance

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Resolution Supporting Assistance for Salem SNAP Participants

The following Resolution Supporting Assistance was Adopted by a Roll Call Vote of 10-0-1. Councillor Prosniewski was recorded as absent.

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Resolution Supporting Assistance for Salem SNAP Participants

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, is the largest and most effective anti-hunger assistance program in the nation, serving more than 900,000 Massachusetts residents in 2026; and

WHEREAS, since the start of 2026, 77 percent of calls trying to reach a SNAP worker on the statewide SNAP phone line was automatically disconnected because the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) does not have enough staff to answer the phones; and

WHEREAS, since H.R.1, otherwise known as the One Big Beautiful Bill, was signed into law, the

SNAP caseload has declined statewide by nearly 175,000 people, including 62,000 children, and resulted in a loss of more than \$360 million federal food dollars per year; and **WHEREAS** participation in SNAP in the City of Salem has declined by 1251 participants, nearly 15%, as residents are losing SNAP due to H.R.1's cruel eligibility cuts, and because they can't reach DTA for help; and

WHEREAS, while the federal government is focused on cutting programs that have served our residents well for decades, we know Massachusetts can choose differently by investing in SNAP and DTA's workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Salem City Council urges the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Massachusetts General Court to prioritize ending a SNAP access crisis in Massachusetts that is preventing members of our community from tapping into this powerful resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Salem City Council requests the hiring of additional DTA case workers to ensure those eligible for SNAP are able to receive and maintain benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk respectfully forward this resolution to Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll

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Councillor Holappa said the resolution was brought to her attention by city employee Carrie Murphy, who is involved with the Salem Food Policy Council and works directly with the issue. She explained that the resolution was based in part on a statewide effort to increase attention and transparency around food assistance, with Salem-specific data added to highlight the local impact. Holappa said the issue is affecting Salem residents and that the resolution was intended as a small step toward drawing greater attention to the problem.

Councillor Sydoriak shared a personal experience of growing up on food stamps and said that, even with that assistance, maintaining a high quality of life was difficult. He expressed concern about the uncertainty families may face in relying on benefits and said he hoped the state would address the issues while supporting affected families amid challenges involving the federal government. He said he appreciated the resolution and intended to vote in favor.

Councillor King thanked Councillor Holappa for bringing the resolution forward and working with community members. She noted the importance of food assistance and said that, despite efforts to preserve SNAP benefits, many people may not realize that benefits continue to be reduced in the community. King also praised the resolution for making a specific, clearly defined request of the Healey-Driscoll administration, which she said falls within the state administration's authority to address.

Committee on Public Health, Safety and the Environment meet, co-posted with the Committee of the Whole, to discuss the operation of motorcycles, dirt bikes, electric bicycles, electric motorcycles, ATVs, mopeds, and other such motorized vehicles

Councillor Smith referred the following order to the Committee on Public Health, Safety and the Environment co-posted with the Committee of the Whole.

The City of Salem and the City Council, September 10, 2026

ORDERED: that the Committee on Public Health, Safety and the Environment meet, co-posted with the Committee of the Whole, to discuss the operation of motorcycles, dirt bikes, electric bicycles, electric motorcycles, ATVs, mopeds, and other such motorized vehicles on city streets, sidewalks, Salem Common, and other public property, including related safety, enforcement, and ordinance considerations

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Councillor Smith moved to refer to the Public Health, Safety & the Environment Committee.

Councillor Smith said the issue had generated frequent complaints from residents, including concerns about electric bikes and similar vehicles traveling at high speeds through parks, sidewalks, and pedestrian areas. Smith said the Council should discuss establishing clear rules and improving signage to address safety concerns.

Councillor Holappa said she wanted the Council's discussion to include experts from the police department, Transportation Commission, and bicycling/shared-use path advisory groups. She distinguished some of the vehicles being used from conventional e-bikes, noting that certain electric dirt bikes or motorcycles may require licensing and registration and are prohibited in areas such as sidewalks. She also urged caution about enforcement, noting that some young

people of color use these lower-cost mobility devices, and said the Council should balance public safety with avoiding disproportionate enforcement.

Councillor Turowski said some of these vehicles are heavier and faster than standard bicycles, which can increase the potential severity of collisions. She described the issue as a growing public- and street-safety concern while emphasizing her support for alternative transportation. She said regulations need to keep pace with the technology to ensure safety.

Councillor Hapworth noted that the Council had previously discussed dirt bikes and similar vehicles with the Police Chief in 2021. He said Salem Police encourages residents to report sightings so the department can track where the vehicles are being used but does not pursue them because of safety concerns. Hapworth said the city should encourage alternative transportation while ensuring it is used safely and that regulations are updated. He also shared a recent incident in which a dirt bike was riding on the sidewalk and said he supported combining this discussion with related work by another councillor.

Councillor Sydoriak said his professional work has involved researching e-bike and micromobility safety and conflicts between users for more than six years. He said he wanted to bring that research into the Council's discussion and had been developing possible citywide amendments. He planned to seek input from relevant city officials to further inform the proposals.

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Councillor King said the discussion should address not only shared paths but also city streets and bike lanes, where high-speed e-bikes can create safety concerns. She cited an accident near her home involving a car and an e-bike that she said was traveling around 40 mph. King also recommended hearing from the Police Chief and Fire Department, particularly regarding battery safety and potential fire risks associated with some lower-cost electric bikes.

Committee on Public Health, Safety and the Environment Co-posted with the Committee of the whole meet to discuss camping ordinance

Councillor Davis introduced the following order that was referred to the Committee on Public Health, Safety and the Environment Co- posted with the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

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ORDERED: that the Committee on Public Health, Safety and the Environment meet, co-posted with the Committee of the Whole, meet to discuss amending the Camping Ordinance

Councillor Davis moved to refer to the Public Health, Safety & the Environment Committee.

Councillor Davis explained that an upcoming Public Health, Safety & the Environment Committee meeting would be primarily a general question-and-answer session with department heads and Lifebridge because of how the original order was posted. He said the current request was procedural and intended to schedule a subsequent meeting specifically to discuss the

ordinance and potential amendments. Davis said he did not want to detail his proposed amendments yet because they could change based on the first meeting and input from other councillors.

Councillor King asked whether the upcoming committee meeting's agenda could be amended to include both orders, since the meeting was less than a week away. She characterized her question as procedural and asked whether that would be possible at the committee chair's discretion.

Councillor Hapworth said agendas can technically be amended, but doing so is generally not best practice because people may have already planned

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around the published agenda. He noted that only two items were currently scheduled for the Public Health, Safety & the Environment Committee and committed to getting the ordinance onto a future agenda as soon as possible. Hapworth said it would be more practical to first discuss how the ordinance is enforced and then address potential changes to the ordinance afterward.

Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs, Co-posted with the Committee of the Whole meet to discuss the Sign Ordinance for the City of Salem

Councillor Smith introduced the following order that was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal, Affairs, Co-posted with the Committee of the whole

In City Council, September 10, 2026

ORDERED: That the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs, co-posted with the Committee of the Whole, meet to discuss and possibly create amendments relative to the Sign Ordinances for the City of Salem.

Councillor Smith moved to refer to the committee on Ordinance, License & Legal Affairs co-posted Committee of the Whole

Councillor Smith said the Council had heard significant feedback about the issue during the week and suggested reviewing Salem's ordinances governing signage more broadly. He later clarified that the immediate discussion concerns window art and said the matter would likely be addressed toward the end of the year rather than in the coming weeks, allowing people with busy September and October schedules to participate.

Councillor Holappa thanked Councillor Smith for bringing the issue forward and said she had previously discussed similar concerns with a North Salem business. She noted that the existing ordinance dates to the 1970s and may warrant review in light of current circumstances. Holappa also raised the question of how the city should distinguish between advertising and art in its regulations and said she hoped the issue would move forward for further discussion.

Councillor King thanked Councillor Smith and suggested including community organizations and people who operate large-scale events in Salem in the discussion, including the Creative Collective, Destination Salem, and Salem Main Streets. Drawing on her experience with large

events, she said temporary signage is important for helping residents and visitors navigate events safely, including locating water stations, EMTs, and bathrooms

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Home Occupation Zoning Ordinance

Councillor Varela offered the following report of the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of Home Occupation Zoning Ordinance.

Has considered said matter and would recommend the matter remain in committee

fire lanes beach ave and sutton ave

Councillor Varela offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of Ordinance Relative to Traffic Ch.42, Sec. 13B- Fire Lanes Beach Ave and Sutton Ave.

Has considered said matter and would recommend adoption for first passage. Council accepted the report.

Councillor Varela said the Council had a productive discussion on the proposal and that the Fire Department had provided recommendations. He explained that the proposal is intended to keep a fire lane open and prevent vehicles from blocking emergency access. He emphasized that the area is particularly vulnerable during storms and flooding, when emergency access may be needed.

Councillor Turowski reported on follow-up conversations with Fire Chief Dionne and Willows residents regarding emergency access through the pathway connecting to Beach and Sutton Avenue. She explained that the Fire Department had confirmed that smaller emergency vehicles, including firefighting squads, command vehicles, and ambulances, could fit through the passage, but larger fire trucks and ladder trucks were not expected to use it. She also addressed concerns about the pathway's weight capacity, snow removal, gate access, and alternative emergency routes.

Turowski said the Beach and Sutton route was selected because it does not have physical barriers that would prevent emergency vehicles from passing, provided vehicles do not block it. She explained that another potential access point near Ford Avenue is at a lower elevation and therefore more vulnerable to flooding, while the Island Avenue route has a private retaining wall that would need to be removed or relocated to provide sufficient access.

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She also said Willows residents wanted continued attention to evacuation planning and emergency management rather than relying solely on the proposed fire lane. Turowski noted the neighborhood's grassroots sandbag distribution network and the city's larger sandbag resources, and said the Fire Department agreed to continue working on emergency planning. She concluded that the proposal is a public-safety measure supported by the Fire, Police, and Transportation departments, while acknowledging that it would result in some loss of parking.

Councillor Flynn said the Ward 1 Councillor reached out to him for input, prompting him to visit the Willows area. Drawing on his experience responding to fires and flooding there, he noted that the closely spaced homes and frequent flooding can make emergency access difficult. He supported maintaining an additional access route for fires and medical emergencies and said the Council should follow the recommendations of the city's public safety officials, including the Fire and Police Chiefs.

Roof Mounted Wind Energy systems

Councillor Varela offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of an Ordinance Relative to Zoning on the matter of Roof-Mounted Wind Energy Systems.

Has considered said matter and would recommend referring the matter to the planning board for a Joint Public Hearing.

Council accepted the report.

Councillor Varela noted that, despite only having a bare quorum and needing to temporarily add Councillor King to the committee to proceed, the meeting was productive. He framed roof-mounted wind energy systems as a new concept for Salem and largely for the United States, while emphasizing that such systems are already common in Europe. He explained that the current zoning code effectively restricts residents who might want to install small wind systems on their roofs, and that this amendment is about opening up that option—particularly for residents who have already invested in solar or who want alternative ways to contribute to renewable energy.

He stressed that Salem and the North Shore have strong wind, especially in winter, when wind systems can outperform solar in energy production.

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Varela linked the proposal to home resiliency and battery storage, arguing that the Council should not stifle emerging ideas that allow residents to generate their own power and improve resilience at the household level. He supported referring the matter to the Planning Board to refine technical details such as setbacks, permitted uses, and kilowatt limits, and said he looked forward to a fuller discussion at the joint public hearing.

Councillor King reminded colleagues that they sponsored the proposal and thanked the small committee group for being well-researched, noting that the discussion led to meaningful, targeted changes. King clarified that the ordinance is focused on small roof-mounted wind energy units—compact turbines or fan-type devices that come in various designs and are more common in Europe than in the United States. She explained that the U.S. market has been heavily shaped by incentives for residential solar, leaving little room for other technologies to emerge. With Salem’s adoption of the specialized energy code, however, new construction must now meet higher standards for energy efficiency and carbon neutrality, and solar alone often isn’t sufficient.

King argued that small rooftop wind units provide an important additional tool, alongside options like geothermal (which may not always be feasible due to site conditions or cost). She emphasized that these systems complement solar by generating power at times when solar does not—particularly at night and during winter. To address community concerns, King highlighted that the proposal carefully manages setbacks, height limits, and system size, and that the intent is strictly small-scale, residential use—not anything resembling large commercial wind facilities. [

Breakdown of Amendments

- Setbacks
 - Added setback requirements for roof-mounted wind units from property lines.
 - Setbacks are made consistent with ground-mounted solar systems, essentially importing successful solar siting standards into the wind context.
 - Height Limits
 - Limited the maximum height of a roof-mounted wind unit to the building’s allowed maximum height plus five feet.
 - This cap ensures that units do not significantly exceed the existing building profile, minimizing potential visual impact or “eyesore” concerns.
 - Definition and Capacity Adjustments (Section 3)
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- Revised the definition of “roof-mounted wind energy system” to align with small units currently available in the U.S. market.
- Adjusted:
 - Kilowatts per turbine (capacity limits), and
 - Total height of the unit,
 to reflect realistic small-scale residential systems and clearly distinguish them from large commercial wind installations.

Matter carries to refer to the Planning Board for a Joint Public Hearing.

Open Meeting Law Violation for the Government Services Committee Meeting on July 9, 2026

Councillor Turowski offered the following for the Committee on Government Services to whom was referred the matter of the Open Meeting Law Complaint for the Government Services Committee Meeting Held on July 9, 2026.

Has considered said matter and would recommend to referrer the City Solicitor for a written response.

Council accepted the report. Matter carries to refer to the City Solicitor for a written response.

Jefferson Ave Corridor Study

Councillor Merkl offered the following for the Committee of The Whole to whom the matter was referred the matter of the Jefferson Ave Corridor Study,

Has Considered said matter and would recommend to received and filed. Council accepted the report. Matter carries to receive and file the report.

City Seal Task Force Report

Councillor Varela motions to suspend the rules and go out of order to page 13, fourth paragraph of the agenda to the City Seal Task Force report. Motion carries.

Councillor Hapworth offered the following report for the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of City Seal Task Force Report, Has Considered said mater and would recommend the City Seal be changed in recommendation to by the

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Task Force and no human figure or witch be depicted. The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted. CITY SEAL TASK FORCE REPORT

DISCUSSION Councillor Hapworth: Said the issue was a complex civic matter involving the AAPI community, historians, the historical record, descendants connected to the seal's imagery, and Salem residents who have inherited the symbol. He noted that people can examine the same history and reach different conclusions. Hapworth explained that the vote was only to move forward with changing the seal and did not establish a replacement design or amend the City Charter. Councillor Davis: Supported changing the seal and said the Council should listen to residents from marginalized communities who have said the city-sanctioned symbol makes them feel excluded or harmed. He argued that changing the seal would not erase Salem's history because the city's history can continue to be taught through historians, museums, and other resources. He said the city could preserve its history without continuing to use imagery that community members experience as harmful.

Councillor Varela: Said Salem could preserve the historical significance of the seal while recognizing that public symbols can have different meanings today. He said the seal should reflect the values and identity of the present-day city and stated that they would vote to change it. Councillor Flynn: Said he had spoken with many residents both in person and by email and was concerned that changing the seal could further divide the city. He emphasized that the seal has been part of Salem's history for more than 187 years and appears on documents such as birth, marriage, and death certificates. Flynn also questioned aspects of the task force's process and said he did not believe the city should change the seal at this time. Councillor Holappa: Said she had supported changing the seal since before the AAPI flag-raising that brought additional attention to the issue. She discussed her research into the seal's history. She questioned whether the seal's imagery should represent an entire racial or geographic group and said she believed the historical artifact had value that could be preserved even if the city developed a new logo and flag. She ultimately indicated favoring changing the seal.

Councillor King: Supported changing the seal and said the Council should center the experiences of AAPI residents who are most directly affected by the imagery. She argued that the symbolism has broader implications because of the history of racist imagery directed at Asian Americans. King also noted that Salem has previously changed how it represents its history, citing the renaming of the Saltonstall School after Sarah Parker Remond.

Councillor Turowski: Described the issue as emotionally and historically sensitive, noting that some residents have deep connections to the seal while others experience the current imagery as harmful. She argued that the issue should not be decided by popular vote and emphasized the different experiences of minority communities. She referenced exhibits at the Peabody Essex Museum and the dedication of the Sarah Parker Remond portrait and said the Council should address what she viewed as continuing inequities. She stated that she would vote to change the seal. Councillor Sydoriak: Thanked the task force members for their work but expressed concerns

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about the process used to develop the report. He said the task force's charge and procedures could have been more clearly defined, and that additional guidance and training should have been provided. Although he was hesitant because of concerns about how a replacement seal would be developed, he said changing the official seal would not erase the historical design and that the existing seal would remain part of Salem's historical record. He ultimately supported changing the seal while calling for a careful process to develop a replacement.

Councillor Hapworth: In a second comment, explained that he had supported changing the seal earlier in the process but that his research led him to a more complicated understanding of the historical relationship represented by the image. He said he believed the figure represented specific merchants Salem traded with rather than an entire racial or geographic group and argued that the historical artifact had value that could be studied and preserved. He distinguished the seal from symbols intended to represent hatred or terror and said he believed the historical seal should be preserved and understood rather than removed. Councillor Smith: Said he had reconsidered the role of history in the discussion and emphasized the positive historical relationship between Salem and its trading partners. He argued that much of Salem's maritime and mercantile history has been lost or misunderstood and that the seal no longer communicates its original historical meaning to many people. Smith said the image can now be perceived primarily as a stereotype and therefore supported finding another way to tell Salem's history. He noted that changing the seal would be only the first step and that the city would still need to determine what replaces it and address associated costs.

Councillor Varela: Requested that the Council conduct a roll-call vote on the motion.

The Council voted on the motion to change the City Seal as recommended by the City Seal Task Force. On a roll-call vote, the motion passes 8–2, with eight members voting in favor and two opposed, Councillors Flynn and Hapworth were recorded as voting opposed. Councillor Flynn moved for reconsideration of the vote at the next regular City Council meeting. The motion for immediate reconsideration failed. Flynn clarified that his intent was to have the matter reconsidered at the next regular meeting, rather than immediately, and asked whether the Council's rules allowed for that. The chair and others indicated that, because the reconsideration motion had failed, the vote could not be reconsidered, though the matter would be confirmed with the City Solicitor.

Councillor Varela moves to return to the bottom of page in the agenda. No Objections.

Committee on Public Health, Safety and the environment copsoted with the Committee of the whole Gas powered leaf blowers report

Councillor Hapworth offered the following for the Committee on Public Health, Safety and Environment co-posted with the Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the matter of the Ordinance Amendment relative to Gas Powered Leaf Blowers.

Council accepted the report.

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Councillor Hapworth said he personally did not support the proposal as presented but believed the committee had a thoughtful discussion and decided to send it forward for first passage. He explained that the committee wanted to preserve public-safety exceptions while establishing a consistent 2030 deadline for residents, businesses, and city staff to transition, along with amendments addressing outreach and notification.

Councillor King emphasized that the city should lead by example if it expects residents and businesses to transition to electric equipment. She supported the shared 2030 deadline and suggested the city begin replacing gas equipment with electric models as equipment wears out, while retaining the ability to extend the deadline if the technology proves inadequate.

Councillor Flynn said he remained concerned that the proposal would make the Department of Public Services' work more difficult. Citing the detailed information provided by DPS Director

Ray Jodoin, he said the current electric technology was not sufficient for operating a city the size of Salem and argued that DPS should be excluded in the ordinance, along with the Fire Department and schools.

Councillor Holappa said residents she had spoken with generally wanted the city to move forward and argued that the city should lead by example. She noted that the proposal provides several years before implementation, includes emergency and public-safety exceptions, and allows the Council to revisit the deadline as technology develops.

Councillor Smith supported a city carve-out, arguing that requiring the city to replace its equipment would impose costs on taxpayers and could create operational problems for DPS. He cited DPS testing showing that current battery-powered equipment had limited operating time and overheating issues and said the city should address noise and pollution from residents and commercial operators while giving itself more time to determine whether electric equipment can adequately handle city operations.

Councillor Turowski said she supports transitioning to electric yard equipment because of the noise generated by gas-powered equipment but was reluctant to support the proposal without DPS backing. She highlighted DPS's information about equipment weight, battery capacity, operating temperatures, and the environmental cost of replacing functioning gas equipment before the end of its useful life and said she was open to amendments.

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Councillor Davis said residents have repeatedly asked the Council to address the noise, pollution, and environmental impacts of gas-powered leaf blowers. He described the ordinance as a harm-reduction measure rather than a way to eliminate every gas blower and argued that the Council should move forward with an imperfect ordinance rather than wait for a perfect solution. He noted that the 2030 date gives the city time for technology to improve and allows the Council to revisit the deadline if necessary.

Councillor King reiterated that noise from gas-powered leaf blowers affects residents even when the equipment is operated by DPS, particularly when work occurs late at night in residential areas. She also explained that the 2030 deadline was intended to give residents, businesses, and the city time to replace equipment as it naturally wears out, avoiding unnecessary waste from replacing functioning gas-powered equipment too early.

Councillor Hapworth, speaking again outside his role as committee chair, said he supports eventually having electric leaf blowers throughout the city but questioned whether the technology and finances would be ready by 2030. He said DPS currently needs gas-powered equipment for certain high-demand periods and that the city should develop a concrete transition plan rather than rely on the assumption that technology will improve.

Councillor Holappa said she was interested in finding a compromise but believed the Council should take action rather than delay the ordinance for another year or two. She argued that establishing a deadline now would give residents and businesses time to plan and replace

equipment, while allowing the Council to revisit the implementation date later if circumstances change.

Councillor Flynn reiterated that the Council appointed and entrusted its department heads to oversee city operations. Because DPS provided a detailed report explaining its operational concerns, Flynn said the Council should give that professional input significant weight and follow the DPS Director's recommendations regarding the operation and maintenance of Salem's grounds and parks.

Amendments discussion and vote –

1. Expand the city-department exemption

The original amendment exempted the Fire Department, public schools, and their

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contractors from the definition of commercial leaf blower operators. Councillor Smith moved to broaden this to all city departments and their contractors. Councillor Flynn seconded the motion. The amendment passed 7-3.

2. Remove the “prohibited period” language

The next amendment struck the language establishing a specific Memorial Day-to-Labor Day prohibited period, replacing it with language stating that the use of gas-powered leaf blowers would be prohibited in the city. The matter carries.

3. Expand the exemption to all city departments

A related amendment changed the exemption provision from “fire department and public schools and their contractors” to “all city departments and their contractors.” Councillor Smith made the motion, with Councillor Flynn seconding. The matter carries.

4. Retain the emergency exemption

The ordinance included a provision allowing the mayor, fire chief, or designee to issue a temporary exemption from the prohibition for emergencies, major storms, or public safety needs. Although the chair questioned whether the provision was still necessary after exempting all city departments, Councillor King argued that it could apply to emergencies involving private property or situations where residents could provide gas-powered equipment to assist the Fire Department. The provision was retained and the matter carries.

5. Remove city departments from the 2030 compliance requirement

The ordinance amendment stated that residential property owners, commercial leaf blower operators, and all city departments would have to comply with the prohibition by January 1, 2030. Councillor Smith moved to strike “all city of Salem departments,” with Councillor

Sydoriak seconding. The matter carries, leaving the 2030 compliance requirement applying to residential property owners and commercial leaf blower operators.

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6. Change the compliance date from 2030 to 2028

Councillor Smith then moved to change the amendment to make the compliance date for residential property owners and commercial leaf blower operators from January 1, 2030, to January 1, 2028. Councillor Varela seconded. Councillor King opposed the change, citing the need to give residents and commercial landscapers time to replace equipment and avoid discarding functioning blowers. Councillor Holappa also discussed concerns about the shorter timeline. The roll-call vote was 2–8, so the amendment failed.

7. Strike the tiered compliance dates

The committee then voted on a separate motion to remove the tiered compliance dates for residential property owners, commercial operators, and city departments. The chair stated that the motion would strike all three dates. The matter carries.

8. Add outreach and notification requirements

The final amendment added an outreach and notification section. It directed the city's sustainability and building departments to conduct outreach to inform commercial landscaping companies, retailers within a 10-mile radius, and large property owners/property managers about the ordinance's requirements and timelines. The effective-date section was also struck. The matter carries.

Final vote on the ordinance

After the amendments, Councillor Hapworth's motion to adopt the gas-powered leaf blower ordinance for first passage, as amended, went to a roll-call vote. The vote was 7–3 in favor, so the ordinance passed first passage as amended.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

PETITIONS

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Petition from GoNetSpeed to install and maintain underground fiber-optic facilities on Jefferson Ave.

A hearing was ordered for September 24, 2026 on the petition from GoNetspeed to install and maintain underground fiber optic facilities on jefferson ave

Petition from National Grid to install conduits on Bridge St. in front of 252 Bridge St.

A hearing was ordered for September 24, 2026 on Petition from National Grid to install conduits on Bridge St. in front of 252 Bridge St.

Petition from National Grid to install Conduits on Naples Road.

A hearing was ordered for September 24, 2026 on the Petition from National Grid to install Conduits on Naples Road.

Petition from National Grid to install Conduits on Webb St.

A hearing was ordered for September 24, 2026 on the Petition from National Grid to install Conduits on Webb St.

Block Party Boardman St.

Petition from the Residents of Boardman St. to hold a Block Party on September 19, 2026, from 4PM - 8PM, with a rain date of September 20, 2026 was granted

Block party Surrey Road

A Petition from Residents of Surrey Road to hold a block party on September 19, 2026, 1PM - 5PM with a rain date of September 20, 2026 was granted

block party grant rd

A petitions from the Residents of Grant Rd. to hold a Block Party on September 20, 2026, from 1:00PM - 6:00PM

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Block Party Harris Street

Petition from the Residents of Harris St. to hold a Block Party on October 31, 2026, from 12PM-8pm was granted

Salem Common Neighborhoods Association Kids Fun Fest on Salem Common

Request from Salem Common Neighborhood Association to the Kids Fun Fest on Salem Common on October 17, 18,24 & 25, 2026, 11AM - 5PM was granted

B+S Fitness Wicked Half Marathon.

A request from B+S fitness Programs to hold the Wicked Half Marathon on Sunday September 20, 2026 at 7AM was granted

B+S Fitness Devils Chase 666/ Creepy Clown Races

A request from B+S Fitness to hold the Devils Chase 666/ Creepy Clown Races on Saturday October 17, 2026 at 8 AM was granted

GRANTING CERTAIN LICENSES

The Following License Applications were granted.
 PUBLIC GUIDES:

SCOTT SEVERANCE 15 WILL SMITH RD
 PITTSFIELD, NH DANIEL KOSTELEC 403
 HILL ST PECKVILLE, PA

OCAMPO, HECTOR MAX 324 JEFFERSON
 AVE SALEM MICHELLE SUMNER 67
 GARFIELD AVE WOBURN ROSURIO
 THERESE BURRERES 281 ESSEX STREET
 SALEM CAROLYN WARD 228 LYNN ST
 PEABODY
 SUMMER LEWIS 2200 AVALON DR
 APT 2222 PEABODY DEBRA
 MINICHINO 25 THOMAS ST
 SWAMPSCOTT BRIAN SOLLOS 11
 CENTRAL ST MANCHESTER

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LEBANON NH SUMMER SMITH 39
CHARLOTT RD IPSWICH
SEAN KENNEDY 8 LIBERTY ST.
FRAMINGHAM ALYSIANA
MONTESDEOCA 116 EMPIRE ST
LYNN RYAN O'TOOLE 55 E. 7TH AT.
APT 4A NEW YORK, NY
JENNIFER LYNN MCCLEARY 65 BOSTON ST
APT 4 SALEM DEIRDRE GILL 1
COBBLESTONE VILLAGE WAY MILLBURY
CARLOS ANDRES 106 HEALTH ST #1
SOMERVILLE
PETER VALAMER DARKMOOR 233 KELTON ST APT
10 BOSTON RANDYLL COLLUM 96 MARGIN ST #3
SALEM
AARON GROSSI 80 FLINT ST. #1 SALEM

BRUCE OLIVER NEWSOME 4 PRESIDENTIAL CIR
HAMPTON, NH DREW ABBOTT 4312 SCOTTS MILL
CT. SAUGUS

JOHN GRANATINO 114 NORTH ST #3
SALEM RAYMOND DENIS 8 LAKE
AVE. GEORGETOWN JONATHAN
HULBERT 260 WASHINGTON ST #33
SALEM JOSHUA NAGLE 35
WASHINGTON SQ SALEM
KAITLYN BROOK NAGLE 35 WASHINGTON
SQ SALEM STEPHANIE CLEMENTS 12
HAWTHORNE BLVD. SALEM ANDREW
MAERCKLEIN 8 LEE ST. MARBLEHEAD
RYDIA QUICKSILVER VIELEHR 30 FRANKLIN ST
#114 MALDEN SARAHBETH "PHAY" BROKOWSKI
32-34 SALEM STREET #3 SALEM MICHAEL DELAURI
260 MAPLE STREET MIDDLETON
NICHOLAS SIRACO 15 LAKESHORE DRIVE
AMESBURY MATTHEW MCLAUGHLIN 124
EAST STREET TOPSFIELD
CASPIAN PREMA-GUINTA 10 PIONEER WAY UNIT 403
MERRIMACK, NH BRIAN WADMAN 9 WALDEN POND
CIRCLE SAUGUS

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 ROAD MARBLEHEAD CARLTON FERRELL 972
 SCHOOL STREET APT 2 WEBSTER ELLA
 YOUNG 661 ESSEX AVENUE GLOUCESTER
 EMMA "EM REED" CINNINGHAM 18 HOWARD
 STREET SALEM JUSTIN MELANSON 31
 PERKINS STREET #7 SALEM
 EMILY MERCIER 205 HIGHLAND AVE #202 SALEM
 ELIZABETH "BLYTHE" MARANDO 24 NORMAN STREET APT
 102 SALEM MICHAEL NEWTON 16 ROCKWELL TERR APT 1
 MALDEN
 SYBIL DURGIN 281 ESSEX STREET #103 SALEM

MARGALEET KATZENBLICKSTEIN 2 RIVER STREET
 WESTFORD BRANDON HOPKINS 11 RIVER DRIVE
 DANVERS
 SARA STEVENSON 50 NEW PLAINVILLE ROAD APT 70
 NEW BEDFORD MARIO THOMAS 256 LYNNWAY LYNN
 JEAN SOBELL 40 HUNT DRIVE STOUGHTON
 MARK "MARINA" MARTIN 32 SALEM STREET SALEM

Claims

The following Claims were referred to the Committee on Ordinance, Lincese and
 Leagal Affairs

Marsela Repa 14 Dunlap Street, Salem
Janice J. Lee 3 Orient Way, Salem
Stephen J. Fiste 231 Jefferson Street, Salem
Tracy Callahan 161 North Street, Salem
Eliezer Jonatan Romero-Ashley 100 Lafayette Street, Apt 309 Salem
Penny Swartz 3436 Donegal Dr, NE, Canton
Diana Terry Lombard 65 Willson Street, Salem
David Marshall 22 Gallows Hill Road
Nicholas Barresi 9 Manuel Dr. Peabody

The Following Drainlayer/Contract Operator Licenses:

NCCL Enterprises 60 Concord St., North Reading
 Midway Utlities Contractors LLC, 106 Ledge Rd., Seabrook,

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NH Mirra Co., Inc. 6 Norino Way, Georgetown
Caruso & McGovern Construction, Inc., 1 Industrial Way, Georgetown

The Following Bonds were referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs and returned approved

Drainlayer: NCCL Enterprises 60 Concord St., North Reading
Midway Utilities Contractors LLC, 106 Ledge Rd., Seabrook, Nh

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None
Point of Priviledge

Council President Merkl thanked Kristen Sacco for stepping in to cover the meeting.

Councillor Flynn took a moment to remember those affected by 9/11 on the eve of the 25th anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

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On the motion of Councillor Hapworth, the meeting adjourned at

10:11 P.M.