

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
COUNTY OF NEWPORT**

At a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid, held at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road, on the 23rd day of September 2013 A.D. at 7:00 p.m.

President Roderick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:	Edward A. Roderick-President	William P. Gerlach
	Denise M. deMedeiros-Vice President	Jay J. Lambert
	James Arruda	Brett N. Pelletier
	Joan B. Chabot	

Town Administrator, James C. Goncalo and Town Solicitor, Andrew M. Teitz were also present.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

All items listed with (CA) are to be considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Council or a member of the public so requests, in which event the item will be removed from Consent Agenda (CA) consideration and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

President Roderick read the items on the Consent Agenda. Councilor Gerlach requested removal of item A3a, Barbara Pelletier Regarding August Meeting of the Newport Counties Visitors Bureau. Councilor Chabot requested removal of item A1a, Approval of Minutes Regular Council Meeting September 9, 2013 Councilor Pelletier Abstained – Absent. President Roderick requested removal of item CA7, Approval of Proclamation – National Friends of Libraries Week – October 20 – 26, 2013 and CA9, Approval of Proclamation – Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month – November 2013, so both Proclamations could be read aloud.

Councilor Pelletier made a motion, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to approve the rest of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda was as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A-1-Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- b. Approval of Executive Session Minutes September 9, 2013 - Councilor Pelletier Abstained - Absent
- c. Approval of Joint Workshop Minutes September 12, 2013 - Councilor deMedeiros Abstained - Absent

A-2-Receipt of Minutes from the Following Boards, Commissions:

- a. Art's Council
- b. Library Board of Trustees
- c. Prevention Coalition
- d. Recreation Commission (3)
- e. Wastewater Management Commission

A-3-Correspondence – Receive and File:

- b. Town of Middletown – Resolution Expressing Support for the Concept of Bringing the Retired Aircraft Carrier USS John F. Kennedy to Newport County
- c. Discover Newport – Annual Audit Report
- d. Town of Richmond – Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

A-4-Atty Brian Cunha — Referred to Interlocal Trust – Stanley Claim

A-5- Approval of Tax Assessor Abatements

A-6-Approval of Petition for National Grid for One New Pole on Fish Road #37-25

- a. Response From S. Berlucchi, DPW Director**
- b. Copy of Town Stipulations Required for Approval**

BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Removed from Consent Agenda:

A-1-a-Approval of Minutes Regular Council Meeting Sept. 9, 2013 -Councilor Pelletier Abstained - Absent

Councilor Chabot noticed the motion to accept an item was missing from page 2 of the September 9th minutes.

Councilor Chabot made a motion, seconded by Councilor Pelletier to Approve the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting September 9, 2013 Councilor Pelletier Abstained – Absent with an amendment to the top of page 2 to include the motion to accept item CA7. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes will be corrected.

A-3a-Barbara Pelletier Regarding August Meeting of the Newport Counties Visitors Bureau

Councilor Gerlach questioned the correspondence from Mrs. Pelletier regarding Bed & Breakfast (B&B) places in town. Solicitor Teitz explained, up to the Council as a policy to create what you want to do and in what zones. Have prepared one for Bristol. Councilor Gerlach noted, don't know how many in Town. President Roderick suggested discussing in the Open Forum with Mrs. Pelletier's tourism discussion. Solicitor Teitz explained B&B's usually have size limitations, require someone on the premises, a limit on the number of boarders. Need to consider the wording.

Councilor Gerlach made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chabot to accept item A3a, Barbara Pelletier Regarding August Meeting of the Newport Counties Visitors Bureau. Motion passed unanimously.

A-7-Approval of Proclamation – National Friends of Libraries Week – October 20 – 26, 2013

President Roderick asked Councilor Pelletier to read the Proclamation for Libraries Week.

Councilor Pelletier made a motion, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to approve the Proclamation for National Friends of Libraries Week, October 20 – 26, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation attached at end of minutes.

A-8-Planning Board Memorandum Dated 9/5/13 Regarding Winterberry Woods Remaining Surety Referred to Town Solicitor

Councilor Gerlach noted this was referred to the Solicitor, questioned if the Council gets involved with assisting to form an association. Solicitor Teitz explained, not typically, but has been known to happen, have helped with various neighborhoods with various issues. It is important to make clear the Solicitor would not be representing the homeowner's association, is a matter of putting them in touch with someone who will help. There are two phases to accept Town streets; the Planning Board (PB) gives final approval in the final plan by PB action. The second way is to go before the Council with the recommendation of the PB and the Department of Public Works and have street accepted. Going forward the Town would be responsible for maintaining those streets. In this case there is enough money in the account as some drainage swales are involved, minor maintenance with mowing and cleaning out the debris, responsibility of the Homeowner's Association. Councilor Chabot questioned the time frame, going on since 2009 and 2011. Solicitor Teitz explained the latest action had been going on since 2011, at that time some people were going to come forward to form a homeowner's association, will look into this. Sent certified letters at that time stating will not accept streets without homeowner association, and if not formed would not service roads.

Councilor Gerlach made a motion, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to accept agenda item A8, Planning Board Memorandum Dated 9/5/13 Regarding Winterberry Woods Remaining Surety Referred to Town Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

A-9-Approval of Proclamation – Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month – November 2013

President Roderick asked Councilor Arruda to read the Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, November 2013.

Councilor Gerlach made a motion, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to approve the Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month – November 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation attached at end of minutes.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Barbara Pelletier did some research on B&B's, do not know how many, nothing on tax rolls or Building Official's office. The bigger issue is most businesses do pay a tax with the State, a quarter goes back to the Town, the five biggest taxpayers in Newport pay close to \$1million dollars per year. Solicitor Teitz explained, if it is permitted need to decide on zoning and conditions, certain standards could include square footage building space, minimum acres or off street parking, want to make permitted as a right. Up to the Council, can draft something, will work with the Planner. President Roderick suggested putting on the October 28th agenda for discussion. Mrs. Pelletier suggested for tourism have the opportunity to list for free on the go-newport.com website. Some communities have a tailgate party for Halloween, perhaps the Town could sponsor maybe falls under Town insurance policy. Solicitor Teitz suggested go through the Recreation Commission, let them sponsor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Chief Thomas Blakey – Introduction of Town Senior Recognition

Chief Blakey discussed the Town Cane several meetings ago, reached out to William Phillips, Tiverton High School. The students created a cane for each gender and a plaque, would like to hang it in Town Hall. Some history, Jim Donnelly presented one of the original canes with town seal to his aunt. Like to recognize one of the Town's best treasures, the senior citizens. Chief Blakey thanked Mr. Rearick, Mr. Phillips and Tiverton High School students, Jared Cordeira and Ryan Phillips. Chief Blakey also thanked businessmen Jonathan Peckham of Woody's Carpentry and Restoration and Chuck Phillips of Phillips Painting for donating their time. A round of applause followed, President Roderick thanked all, a great tradition to start in the Town, shows strength of the community.

TOWN COUNCIL SITTING AS BOARD OF LICENSING

NON ADVERTISED LICENSE

Roy Ferrell, Quality Island Construction LLC., 1246 Fish Road - Requests Approval of Drainlayers License – Subject To Meeting All Legal Requirements

Town Clerk Mello explained this was a new license would expire November 30, 2013, would need renewal at that time. Had the approval of DPW Director Steve Berlucchi.

Councilor Pelletier made a motion, seconded by Councilor Gerlach to approve the Drainlayers License for Roy Ferrell, Quality Island Construction LLC, 1246 Fish Road, subject to meeting all legal requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael F. Neves – MFN Development Corp d/b/a Three Ducks Car Wash, 400 Main Road – Requests Approval for Holiday License and Petroleum Storage License – Subject to Meeting All Legal Requirements

Town Clerk Mello received late in the afternoon a written request from Mr. Neves to withdraw the request for Approval of a Holiday and Petroleum Storage License. No action was taken on this item.

Scott DaSilveira of Scotts Corporation, 280 Market Street, Warren, RI – Requests Approval of Drainlayers License – Subject To Meeting All Legal Requirements

DPW Director Berlucchi explained this was a new applicant, is for an Excavators License.

Councilor Pelletier made a motion, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to approve a Street Excavator/Drainlayers License to Scott DaSilveira of Scotts Corporation, 280 Market Street, Warren, RI, subject to meeting all legal requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS:

Wastewater Mgt Commission Re-Appointment to Expire 4/15/2014 - Colleen Stanton, 50 Craig Avenue

Town Clerk Mello explained Ms. Stanton was appointed before, term expired in 2010, has continued to be on Wastewater, really is a reappointment, has been on that commission for years.

Councilor Chabot made a motion, seconded by Councilor Pelletier to Reappoint Colleen Stanton to the Wastewater Management Commission for a term to expire April 15, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Heidi Swist – Authorization to Hold Motorcycle Run to Honor a Dear Friend on Sunday, October 6th from 9:30a.m. till Noon Beginning at Stafford Pond – Continued From 9/9/13

Town Clerk Mello explained, tried to contact by email and phone, did not get a response on the original request to hold a motorcycle run. Councilor Pelletier noted it did not appear the Council needed to approve this. Solicitor Teitz noted if the meeting was at the Stafford Pond boat ramp then it was a State issue, suggest tabling. Chief Blakey explained registered motorcycles have the right to go on a public way.

Councilor Gerlach made a motion, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to table indefinitely agenda item E1, Heidi Swist – Authorization to Hold Motorcycle Run to Honor a Dear Friend on Sunday, October 6th from 9:30a.m.untill Noon Beginning at Stafford Pond. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Gerlach – Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee - Revised Resolution

Solicitor Teitz drafted a Revised Resolution for the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC), explained the Planning Board created a subcommittee, a different working group. Revisions include having three members of the public appointed instead of being open to all. Have 3 weeks to the next meeting if anyone else wants to apply to assist in advising the P/B. Town Clerk will add committee to advertisement on other Board and Commission openings next week. Councilor Gerlach noted Kate Michaud, Planning Board Administrative Officer did a great job drafting a rough timeline, wanted to revisit who will chair and be in charge of bringing together. Solicitor Teitz also noted the P/B was looking into an RFP for consultant. Explained Bristol had more money and only one party responded to the RFP. Town Clerk Mello was advertising for the October 15th meeting, will put on the October 28th agenda.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Economic Development

a.Economic Development Commission Update

Economic Development Commission (EDC) Chair, Scott Humphrey updated the Council on EDC activities. The EDC is really a facilitator of conversation to illustrate what the Town assets are. Attended the Business Expo in Warwick with another EDC member, Susan Gill and Kate Michaud, had a tabletop presentation, received very well. Attended the Northeast Economic Development Association, expenses co-shared with the Newport Chamber of Commerce (NCC). Found most of the EDC's in the northeast are in the same boat, communicating with the Town Council and other commissions to come together for a common cause to bring business to Tiverton. Marcel Valois, Economic Development Foundation (EDF) put together an RFP for the Business Park. Last week went to a business leadership conference in Washington, talked to Senators Reed and Whitehouse to see what they can do for Tiverton. Initiatives include working on a regional development entity, have like concerns. The NCC was instrumental for the Park, having a voice at this table gives greater visibility. Talked with Councilor Gerlach about forming a more formal Tiverton Business Association, see as a collaboration of concerns, can come to the Council with one voice. Could get more support for Town wide events.

EDC will also be advising the PB on the Comp Plan. Talked to Mr. Valois for a plan B for the Park, recommended marketing it to sell as is, the State EDC would step in, Town handles all without owning the asset, EDC would take possession and give the Town a note back, paves the way for the State EDC to finance, will follow up later with the T/A. Other assets include Riverside Drive, Stone Bridge and Four Corners. See potential for 2 shuttered businesses at Stone Bridge; Four Corners is trying to make a portion historical. The College Fair at Tiverton High School, October 24th has seminars for college application process, draws from 600 colleges, thank the High School Guidance Department for holding this annual event. As far as marketing, did a little insert, map of Tiverton, revamped the website, have also worked with Mrs. Pelletier. Councilor Gerlach thanked Mr.

Humphrey and the EDC, was concerned about empty store fronts on Main Road not only for tax dollars but to revitalize that corridor. Mr. Humphrey has discussed often, some suggestions include rent discounts, already have a tax incentive for existing properties. Councilor Pelletier agreed, did point out Main Road now is not as bad as it was 5 years ago. President Roderick thanked Mr. Humphrey, extended Council gratitude.

b.Councilor Gerlach – Update on Planning for a Local Business Forum Event in Partnership with EDC

Councilor Gerlach updated the Council regarding the concept of a local business forum. Have 3 goals, to engage and inform, gather input and introduce the concept of a new “Tiverton Business Association” to local business owners. Discussed the draft agenda, would extend invitations to the Council, Administrator, PB and Zoning. See presentations and an input session for questions and concerns. Potential speakers could include Mr. Valois, Jody Sullivan from NCC and Mr. Humphrey. Looking at late October or early November subject to venue availability. Estimate cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 for light food and beverages. Depending on availability of the speakers might have to do in the spring. Asking for Council input and to split the cost between Council and the EDC. President Roderick suggested doing early next year.

Councilor Chabot – Volunteer Appreciation Night

Councilor Chabot requested holding a Volunteer Appreciation Night in support of those who do a lot of work for the Town on their own, looking for feedback. Town Clerk Mello noted the need to talk to Janice Gomes, Senior Center Director who helped last year. Questioned using Council contingency funds approximately \$600, and the need to pick a date. President Roderick suggested October 25 or November 8, Clerk will look at last year.

Councilor Pelletier – Review of Advertising Policy/Ordinance by Solicitor and Estimates on Costs by Town Clerk – Report by November 12 Meeting

Councilor Pelletier explained the two issues, one is budgetary the other deals with the legal requirements as based on RI State law , the Town Charter or other ordinances. It is an opportunity to save money and do things differently. Request one page from the Solicitor and Town Clerk by November 12th.

BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Memorandum to Boards, Commissions and Committees Regarding Open Meetings, Annual Reports and Public Records

Town Administrator Goncalo explained the memo to all Boards and Commission regarding Open Meetings laws relative to agendas and minutes. Agendas must be posted to the Secretary of State’s (SOS) website. Minutes are not required by law to be posted on the SOS website but is required by the Town, once posted will be linked to the Town website. According to the Boards and Commissions Policy #2012-1, all Boards and Commission Chairs are to prepare an annual report relative to that group schedule, submitting to the T/A first. The Administrative Assistant will notify the Board Chair two months before the report is due to be submitted. The Boards and Commissions policy was attached to the Memorandum. A request for open record documents allows 10 days for a response. Boards and Commissions must forward the request to the T/A immediately with a copy of the request to the Solicitor. The Town Clerk is the Public Records Officer for the Clerk and Treasurer’s records and the Police Chief for criminal records.

1. The MET Tower at the Business (Industrial) Park has been removed.
2. Bulgarmarsh Park obstacle course parts installed next Wednesday, gazebo ordered, have funding, 4-6 weeks.
3. DOT, State Traffic Commission, agreed to left turn markings on the Sakonnet overpass, doing this fall.
4. Paving completed, working on DPW Fuel System

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

TOWN SOLICITOR – ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Drinking Water Reservoir Fish Tournament Permits

a.DEM Complaint b.Tiverton Answer to DEM Complaint c.Update

Solicitor Teitz had provided copies of the DEM complaint filed and the Town response. Solicitor Teitz updated, the Clerk had sent out letters to tournament organizers with the application and reminded about the need to have liability insurance. The one scheduled for 9/1 was rained out, the 9/8 and 9/22 organizers indicated they cannot meet the insurance requirements. The Police did check if there was need to enforce. A tournament by the Stafford Pond Improvement Association is scheduled for 10/12; threshold is 6 boats for a permit. Councilor Gerlach explained, have a Working Group with Trish Hilton, Cathy Sparks, Liz Scott and Chris Dudley. Have discussed, given updates on water quality data analysis, agreed to additional water testing. Stone Bridge Water District paid for the testing, final report in late October, DEM also doing additional water quality testing. DEM plans to put in a new kiosk moving it to the north side of the boat ramp, redo the signage emphasizing it's a drinking water reservoir and improve dedicated parking. The 2014 Fishing Regulations are finalized, on DEM website. Start discussing the 2015 regulations in early January next year.

Councilor Gerlach received word from Tom Ramotowski, Conservation Commission (CC) Chair regarding the ordinance. The CC was required to come before the Council with a report on October 1, they require more time, conferred with the Solicitor for guidance, will work with them. President Roderick noted this should go through the Council on whether or not to change. Councilor Gerlach noted one option would be to change the ordinance. Solicitor Teitz explained the Council could amend the ordinance, would probably take longer as it has to be advertised 21 days in advance prior to the Public Hearing. The date in the ordinance is discretionary as opposed to mandatory, there is no penalty if the CC does not get the report to the Council by October 1st. Solicitor Teitz suggested bringing this up tonight to set a date for a response. Councilor Gerlach suggested the first meeting in December would still leave time for Council discussion. Solicitor Teitz noted the report would not require a public hearing.

Councilor Gerlach made a motion, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to request the Conservation Commission deliver their long term recommendations regarding Stafford Pond as a drinking water reservoir to the Town Council for discussion no later than December 9, 2013. Solicitor Teitz noted that report for the December 9th meeting would have to be received by December 3, 2013. Councilor Gerlach amended the motion per the Solicitor notation, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros passed unanimously.

Quarry Licenses – Scheduling of Public Hearings on November 12, 2013

Solicitor Teitz briefly mentioned last meeting, Quarry Licensed used to be handled by the Building Official, changed by ordinance to be done by the Council, one person did come in and get a license, others in various states of receivership, suggest scheduling a public hearing for November 12,2013.

Litigation – LAL Construction, Inc., et al (Site Ready) v. Town of Tiverton CA# 13-344M Initial Disclosures of Plaintiffs

Solicitor Teitz had provided the most recent filing .Federal Court has a procedure for self-discovery, required to ask the people they think might provide relevant information. Requesting for discovery from 43 people all documents emails, etc. They calculate damages at 332,000 and 9.331 for legal. As part of their case they allege the Town led them on, landfill study, we did not make any promises or inducements. Just received an email from the Clerk, the Trust is defending on a damage claim; Michael DeSisto' s office is looking for documents on a discussion regarding the need for a proposed transfer station. Giving a heads up to look through your emails regarding LAL, a proposed transfer station and feasibility study. Make a good faith effort to see what is there, will be contacted by Jill from Interlocal Trust or the Clerk.

TOWN CLERK ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 30th Workshop Agenda

Town Clerk Mello provided an agenda for next Monday's workshop, will contact Historic Preservation Advisory Board, will not be videotaped.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Litigation 42-46-5(a) (2) – O'Dell et. al. v. David Robert in His Capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island and the Town of Tiverton Case Number NC2010-0517

2. Town Administrator – 42-46-5(a) (5) - Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purposes

3. Town Administrator–Personnel Performance–42-46-5(a) (1)–Town Administrator’s Executive Assistant – Mary Lou Sullivan

4. Personnel Performance – 42-46-5(a) (1) – Town Administrator – James Goncalo

Councilor Lambert motioned, seconded by Councilor Pelletier to enter into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-5(a) (2) - O’Dell et. al. v. David Robert in His Capacity as Tax Assessor for the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island and the Town of Tiverton Case Number NC2010-0517. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Lambert motioned, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to stay in Closed Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-5(a) (5) - Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purposes. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Lambert motioned, seconded by Councilor Chabot to continue in Closed Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-5(a)(1)–Town Administrator’s Executive Assistant – Mary Lou Sullivan. Solicitor Teitz noted for the record, Ms. Sullivan was given notice regarding the right to have in Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Lambert motioned, seconded by Councilor Chabot to remain in Closed Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-5(a) (1) – Town Administrator – James Goncalo. Solicitor Teitz noted for the record Mr. Goncalo was given written notice to have in Closed Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council entered into Executive Session at approximately 9:20 p.m.

The Council returned to Open Session at approximately 10:40 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

Councilor Roderick announced formal action had been taken in Executive Session regarding litigation O’Dell vs Town of Tiverton Case NC201-0517. Motion made by Councilor Chabot to release the relevant correspondence between Mr. Oliverio and Mr. Fabisch regarding the settlement and the two versions of the settlement. Documents will be released once Attorney Oliverio and Solicitor Teitz have reviewed. Motion was seconded by Councilor Pelletier and passed unanimously.

No formal action was taken regarding Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purposes this evening. Council President disclosed information that the Town has entered an agreement with the Cutillo Family Realty Trust to purchase the Stone Bridge Gas Station property. Details will remain confidential until the Town closes or the deal is terminated.

No formal action was taken on Personnel Performance of Town Administrator’s Executive Assistant or Personal Performance of Town Administrator.

Councilor Pelletier motioned, seconded by Councilor deMedeiros to seal the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Pelletier motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor deMedeiros, motion passed unanimously.

Council adjourned at approximately 10:45 p.m.

A True Copy.

ATTEST: _____
Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Whereas, Friends of the Tiverton Libraries raise money that enables our library to move from good to great—providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children’s summer reading, and special events throughout the year;

Whereas, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present;

Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic material, along with expert assistance in research, readers’ advisory, and children’s services;

Whereas, the Friends’ gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that The Tiverton Town Council proclaims October 20-26, 2013, as Friends of Libraries week in Tiverton, Rhode Island and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library, on this their 20th anniversary, and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

BY ORDER OF THE TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL

September 23, 2013 _____ **Edward Roderick, Town Council President**

**PROCLAMATION
TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2013**

WHEREAS, in 2013, and estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease.

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent.

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent die within the first five years.

WHEREAS, approximately 130 deaths will occur in Rhode Island in 2013.

WHEREAS, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against the diseases.

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Tiverton and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer.

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Network and its affiliates in Tiverton support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure.

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Tiverton are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Tiverton designates the month of November, 2013 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in Tiverton.

GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

ATTEST: _____
Nancy L. Mello
Town Clerk