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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
November 7, 2018**

Present: Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman
Stacia R. Libby, Selectman
Bruce M. Glowac, Selectman

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Agenda with one change, to move Traffic Authority to the first item on the agenda. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the October 17 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence: None

Public Announcements / Comment: None

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to enter Traffic Authority. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Parking Concerns in Ivoryton

Town Planner John Guskowski reported the Planning Commission was asked to look at reports of inadequate public parking in Ivoryton, especially during the weekends. The restaurants and shows at the Ivoryton Playhouse bring in a lot of people into the area. There was discussion of possibly creating parking spaces along Ivory Street on one side. There was further discussion of converting Ivory Street into a one-way street.

At the Pumpkin Festival, cars were observed to be parked along one side of Ivory Street and there was two-way traffic and traffic appeared to flow along just fine. But cars were parked along the east side, whereas the proposal would be to have cars park along the west side with no parking allowed on the bridge.

Chairman of the Planning Commission Alan Kerr stated that he and the members of the commission favorably agree that this proposal is an inexpensive fix to the Ivoryton parking issue that is worth considering.

Mr. Glowac inquired if there were any other alternative parking options being looked at. There was discussion of potential property acquisition in the area to create a parking lot, but the creation of parking spaces along Ivory Street would only require a few signs and road paint.

Norman Needleman stated that he is recusing himself from this proposal because he believes it will be looked at as something he did for the playhouse.

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Mr. Glowac stated he would like input from the police, the fire department, and all the neighbors on any proposals being brought forward.

The Director of the Ivoryton Library also was in favor of the Ivory Street parking proposal. This would put patrons in parking spaces and families would not have to park and cross the busy street. The Ivoryton Alliance was also in favor of this proposal.

A public hearing would need to be set. But first, the Selectmen suggested obtaining a traffic count for the proposed parking area. John Guskowski reported he would work on obtaining the traffic count and obtaining better maps to see what part of the road is owned by the Town.

The Selectmen discussed scheduling a site visit to Ivory Street once the traffic count and maps are obtained. There was discussion of meeting just before a December Selectmen meeting.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to exit Traffic Authority. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Committee: Bruce Glowac had nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend the following **Board of Selectmen appointments** to the Annual Town Meeting on November 19. Norman Needleman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Harbor Management Commission

Terry Stewart
John Senning

Park & Recreation Commission

Vacancy (alternate)

Water Pollution Control Authority

Susan Malan
Mark Reeves
Wendy Arnold
Vacancy (alternate)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Barbara Sarrantonio
Brian Weinstein
Richard Rybak (alternate)

Zoning Commission

Larry Shipman
Mark Reeves

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Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointments** that will go to the Annual Town Meeting on November 19:

Conservation Commission

Adrienne Forrest
Richard Helmecki
Kathleen Tucker
Vacancy (alternate)

Economic Development Commission

Janet Peckinpaugh
Edward Cook
George Sexton (Planning)
David Winstead

Inland Wetlands Commission

Jim Leo
Beth Currie (alternate)

Planning Commission

Alan Kerr

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend the following **Board of Selectmen appointments**. Norman Needleman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Tree Committee

Kenneth Bombaci
John Molloy

Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointments**:

Essex Housing Authority

Richard Stebbins

2019 Holiday Schedule

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the 2019 Town of Essex Holiday Schedule. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Proclamation – Tolling of Bells of Peace on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice

The Board of Selectmen read into the record a Proclamation (copy attached).

Public Comment: None

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SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Budget Meeting Dates

The Board of Selectmen scheduled the following Budget Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:00

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 immediately following the 5:00 pm regular meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 5:00 (if needed)

Norman reminded everyone that:

- The Annual Report Dedication will be at 6:30 on Monday, November 19 in the Auditorium
- The Annual Town Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 19

November 20, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to cancel the November 20, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – None

Town Meeting – None

General Discussion

The was discussion of a parcel of land on Grove Street that recently had a house demolished and the land has been cleared of many trees and neighbors are very upset.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a century ago, 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in World War I. This November 11th will mark the centennial of the Armistice, which ended hostilities in World War I; and

WHEREAS, more than 26,000 men and women from the State of Connecticut served selflessly and honorably in World War I; and

WHEREAS, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war, and over 1,900 of those who left Connecticut to serve would never return; and

WHEREAS, November 11th is an occasion to both remember and commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who fought, but also to renew the hopes of the day for a just and lasting peace; and


WHEREAS, the tolling of bells has been a traditional expression of honor and remembrance in our Nation's history; and


WHEREAS, in November 2018, the world will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I at 11:00 am, November 11, 1918 – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

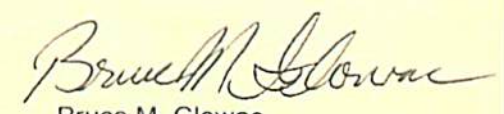
WHEREAS, the Essex Veterans Memorial honors the memory of 174 residents who served in World War I, ten of whom did not return. Two servicemen were Killed in Action: Parker VANAMEE, First Lieutenant, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd "Indianhead" Division, Died of Wounds received during the Saint-Mihiel Offensive, October 2, 1918, and Charles E. CLARK, Private First Class, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 26th "Yankee" Division, Killed in Action during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, October 22, 1918.

THEREFORE, I, Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman of the Town of Essex, do hereby call upon the people of Essex, Connecticut to join in a National Tolling of Bells of Peace in the Town of Essex in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice, and those who served in World War I, at 11:00 am on November 11, 2018.

Signed,


Norman M. Needleman
First Selectman


Stacia R. Libby
Selectman


Bruce M. Glowac
Selectman