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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2014**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Agenda. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the September 3rd Minutes. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Sustainability Goals for FY 2013-14 and Goals for 2014-15

Frank Hall, head of the Clean Energy Group, presented his report on FY 2013-14 Town of Essex Sustainability Goals and the Essex Sustainability Goals for FY 2014-15.

Household Hazardous Waste

Mr. Needleman reported on the collection totals of September 6, 2014. Essex had 17 households participate. Electronics are collected at all times in the bins.

Region 4 2014 School Security Grant Application

There was another grant opportunity for a school security grant and an application was submitted.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Building Committee - Nothing new to report at this time.

Ivoryton Village – Main Street Investment Fund Grant

Ms. Libby reported that the committee is working with Anchor Engineering and the committee has received an initial plan. The plan was very close to the desired results, but a few minor changes are being made. The committee will be meeting with the Fire Department, the Planning Commission, and the Park & Recreation Commission to go over the plans.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the resignation of Betty “Cathy” Bishop as a regular member of the Park and Recreation Commission. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission -

The Town is still looking for a volunteer for the Gateway Commission. It is a two (2) year term.

River Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission

The Board of Selectmen must appoint an alternate member.

Harbor Management Commission

The Board of Selectmen must appoint an alternate member. It is a three (3) year term.

Conservation Commission

The First Selectman must appoint two alternate members. They are three (3) year terms.

Rosewood Lane Easement

The Selectmen had granted an easement to Donald Meyer, and also needed to do an easement for Greg Peterson.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the Rosewood Lane easement contingent on Planning Commission approval. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Essex Fire Department 10 Year Plan

Fire Chief Paul Fazzino presented the Essex Fire Department 10 year plan and the needs of the fire department. In the coming years there are several pieces of fire apparatus that need to be replaced along with the marine boat, the tanker and then refurbishment of the ladder truck. But recently OSHA has mandated that self-contained apparatus air tanks must be replaced every 15 years. The Chief stated that the Essex air tanks are 15 years old and the replacement cost for the tanks is \$90,000.

The Chief reported that the 1994 Pierce Fire Engine in Ivoryton Station was purchased new and the estimated cost to replace that apparatus today with a new one is approximately \$550,000 to \$600,000. In 2018 there are plans to replace the 1996 Pierce Pumper which was purchased used. NFPA has set forth a suggestion that after 20 years, fire apparatus can no longer be a frontline piece of equipment, but a backup vehicle.

There are size restrictions in the Ivoryton Fire station, so a piece of equipment must be custom built to fit in that firehouse. If the equipment currently housed in that station suddenly goes out of service, the Town will be stuck and we will have to buy a new one.

In 2018 there is a plan to upgrade the emergency services communication system. Fire fighters have portable radios but they do not have any communication service in some areas in Town. The issue is firefighter safety. If a firefighter is in a building that has no reception, there is a serious safety issue.

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Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Storm Water Management

Legislation was passed in 2004 to monitor all outflows to make sure sediment is being controlled and to make sure the drains are being emptied. Some of the employees who were involved with storm water management have left or retired from Town Hall. The Town of Essex is working on complying with the legislation.

New Town Hall Phone System

The Town Hall will be replacing the old phone equipment and Wi-Fi will be made available throughout the entire building.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli