

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2016**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Agenda with one addition under New Business: Budget Meeting 2016-2017. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the February 3rd Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence:

Proposed Amtrak

The Selectmen discussed the proposed Amtrak re-routing of tracks through Old Lyme.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Committee

Mr. Glowac had nothing new to report.

Essex Housing Authority – Essex Place – Development Documents

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to authorize Stacia Libby, Selectman, to execute on behalf of the Town of Essex the following documents related to the development of 26 Main Street, Centerbrook, Connecticut, as an elderly and affordable facility:

1. Termination of Sub-Lease and Assignment of Lease
2. Second Amendment to Lease
3. Sublease

A copy of each of the documents is on file in the First Selectman's Office.

Stacia Libby seconded the motion. Norman Needleman recused himself. Motion carried.

Eversource – Street Lights

There was discussion on the possibility of replacing the street light fixtures with LED bulbs. The Selectmen agreed to move forward and replace 50 lights in Town with the LED light bulbs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Meeting 2016-2017

BUDGET REVIEWS:

The First Selectman reviewed the Expenditures Summary page and discussed the budget requests.

The Selectmen discussed General Government line items. First Selectman Needleman reported there were no significant changes to the overall budget and many line items remained flat.

Fringe Benefits – Tab 11, Page B11

The Medical Insurance is currently being budgeted at an 8% increase. Final health insurance costs have not been received from Anthem.

Technology – Tab 15, Page B15

Vision technology support was increased to \$18,250. Technology Equipment was increased to \$15,000 to start replacing old and outdated computer equipment.

Conservation Commission – Tab 18, Page B20

Grounds maintenance and repair was increased from \$6,825 to \$7,500.

Park and Recreation Department – Tab 21, Page B23

Part-Time Payroll was increased to allow for two (2) part time employees. Mowing was also increased to \$55,730.

Planning Commission – Tab 23, Page B26

CME was slightly increased for the Town's planning consultant.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Tab 25, Page B27

Advertising was increased to \$2,250. Permit Fees was increased to \$1,500.

Ambulance Association – Tab 27, Page B30

Paramedic program line was added.

Building Department – Tab 29, Page B32

The part-time Building Official's hours were slightly increased.

Harbor Patrol – Tab 34, Page B37

Equipment Maintenance & Repair was increased to \$2,500 due to older boats needing frequent repairs.

Police Services – Tab 35, Page B38

The police budget reflects a decrease due to the original budget of 4 full-time officers is now budgeted for 3 full-time and one part-time officer.

Resident State Troop – Tab 36, Page B40

The Resident State Trooper is now being budgeted at 100%. The Town is not anticipating any cost share from the State of Connecticut.

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions None

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli