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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
June 21, 2017**

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

Bruce Glowac called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Agenda with three additions, to add Traffic Authority, Neighborhood Assistance Act, and July Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the June 7 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence: None

Public Announcements / Comment:

CIRMA Equity Distribution

Norman Needleman reported the Town will receive a member's equity distribution check mid-July.

The Fire Department submitted a grant today to the 2017 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). The Essex Fire Engine company #1 seeks to replace its current fire/rescue vessel. Thanks go to Deputy Chief Chris Going and Fire Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. in putting this grant application together.

Ms. Sterner reported that the Retirement Commission will be adding an amendment to the Retirement Plan. The Town does not accept Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO's), which is a judgement or a decree or order for a retirement plan to pay a dependent of a plan participant. Municipal pension plans do not accept QDRO's.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Building Committee

Bruce Glowac reported the Selectman's Office renovations complete. The office had lead abatement, a fresh coat of paint, floors were sanded and sealed, central air and new LED lighting was installed.

There was discussion on the upcoming Walnut Street Bridge Project. There will be adequate signage that will be installed two (2) weeks prior to bridge closure.

There was discussion regarding the upgrades to the Town Hall bathrooms and the installation of a shower in the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions None

Amendment to Ordinance(s)

Mr. Needleman reported that when some of the ordinances were written years ago, members from one commission were required to attend other commission meetings as representatives. Mr. Needleman is working with the Town Attorney on possibly implementing changes to some of the ordinances that have such requirements.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to table this item until the next Selectmen's meeting. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. All in favor.

Contingency Request

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Conservation Commission request from contingency for beaver management remediation not to exceed \$2,000. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Assistance Act – The Essex Historical Society

Norman Needleman reported that The Essex Historical Society has submitted an application under the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. The Neighborhood Assistance Act is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses that make cash contributions to these entities. The application process requires a public hearing, which was conducted earlier this evening and approval by the governing body of the municipality.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Neighborhood Assistance Act application for The Essex Historical Society. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

July Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to cancel the July 5th Board of Selectmen Meeting. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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

Signage on Heron Pond Road

A resident of Heron Pond Road reported speeding that has consistently been taking place on Heron Pond Road. There are blind spots along this road. A request was made for a speed limit sign and a "Children at Play" sign be installed right before the bend coming down the hill.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to recommend the Public Works Department add the signs requested to help deter speeding on Heron Pond Road. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

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Public Announcements / Comment:

Stacia Libby reported that the Public Safety Day held on Sunday, June 11th at the Essex Fire Headquarters, 11 Saybrook Road on from 10 am to 2 pm was a success. There were several people who signed up and expressed interest in becoming members to either the Essex Fire Department or the Essex Ambulance.

There was a reminder that the Ivoryton Street Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 27th at 5:30 pm on the bridge. Cake will be served at the Ivoryton Park immediately following.

There was discussion on a parcel of unimproved Town land at the end of Charles Street. There is a 3 acre parcel of land that is land locked. The property owner of the rear lot has inquired about this unimproved parcel because they are interested in selling their rear lot and the land on Charles Street would give them access to the rear lot. Mr. Needleman reported that he would discuss this question with the Town Attorney to see what the options are.

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli