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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2018**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Agenda. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the March 7 Meeting Minutes. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence:

Lynn Herlihy, Chair of the Republican Town Committee (RTC), discussed with the Selectmen the process of selecting volunteers that are being recommended to the Board of Selectmen for vacant Board or Commission positions. There was further discussion that volunteers being recommended have filled out an application and have the skills and experience needed for the position, and many have a background in the position they are being recommended for.

Mr. Needleman agreed that candidates should have all these things, but he would prefer candidates who know, and are familiar with, the Town.

Ms. Herlihy stated that the RTC feels the candidates they recommend would be dedicated and they believe their candidate(s) are what the Town is looking for.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Committee: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

First Selectman re-appointed David DeLeeuw as the Building Official.

First Selectman re-appointed Lisa Fasulo as the Health Director.

First Selectman re-appointed Jae Wolf as the Animal Control Officer.

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Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend the following **Board of Selectmen appointments** to the Special Town Meeting on April 4. Norman Needleman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Zoning Commission

Thomas G. Carroll (alternate member)

Robert L. Day III (alternate member)

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to accept the resignation of William Veillette from the Zoning Board of Appeals with gratitude for his service. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Job Descriptions

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to table the nine (9) job descriptions listed below. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

1. Custodian (Part Time)
2. Landfill/Recycling Operator
3. Landfill/Recycling Supervisor
4. Tax Collector
5. Administrative Secretary II
6. Harbor Patrol Boat Operator
7. Custodian (Full Time)
8. Town Clerk
9. Public Works Director

First Baptist Church Clock

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to table this item to the next meeting. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting on Monday, April 4 at 4:55 pm in Conference Room A. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There was discussion about the two (2) March Nor'easter storms that just came through Town. It is anticipated that the costs will be in excess of \$40,000 due to plowing, sanding, tree removal, and overtime costs that are factors in any major snow storm along with strong winds.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Bruce Glowac arrived at 7:39

Norman Needleman called the meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m.

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First Baptist Church Clock

This clock was a gift given to the Town by Theodore Dwight Pratt in 1860. There was discussion that the clock in the tower of the First Baptist Church is once again not working. Repairs to this clock are expensive because it is an antique clock and repairs must be done by experts. The Town was presented with three different repair proposals from Connecticut Timekeepers. The first quote was an estimate for \$2,800 for an overhaul of the motion works which included cleaning and minor repairs, lubrication, etc. The second quote for \$1,800 is for replacement of the weight ropes. The third quote for \$5,800 is for a thorough and complete overhaul of the time and strike tower clock movements. The total for all three proposals is \$10,500. The Selectmen discussed and agreed to pay for half of the first two proposals.

There was further discussion that the Essex Community Fund has also contributed to clock repairs in the past. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of splitting the \$4600 with Essex Community fund and each paying \$2,300. Selectman Bruce Glowac reported that he would approach the foundation and make the formal request.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve \$2,300 for the overhaul of the motion works and the replacement of the weight ropes in the clock at First Baptist Church in Essex. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli