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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2013**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the January 2, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

Public Announcements: None

Traffic Authority

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

Earl Street / Earl Street Extension

Mr. Needleman stated that Public Works improved the signage on this street and this item would be removed from the agenda and revisited in 6 months.

Ivory Street – No Parking Signs

Mr. Needleman reported that he had received a request from Officer Gingras to have no parking signs installed on the west side of Ivory Street. During events, such as Illuminations, temporary no parking signs are placed along Ivory Street on one side because cars are parking on both sides and on the sidewalks. Mr. Needleman asked the Traffic Authority to look into this from Main Street to the River and tabled this until the next Selectmen's meeting.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Capital Committee

Joel Marzi stated that this would be discussed in Selectmen's General Discussion.

Traffic Calming Program – Traffic Options Promoting Public Safety (T.O.P.P.S.)

Stacia Libby stated that TOPPS did not meet this week. Nothing new to report.

Household Hazardous Waste Totals - Nothing new to report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Sanitary Waste Commission Fee Collection

Mr. Needleman tabled this for the next Selectmen's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the resignation of Anne Penniman from the Tree Committee. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to appoint Kenneth Bombaci to the Tree Committee. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Second Amendment to the Ordinance Providing Tax Relief

There was a discussion on the second amendment to the Ordinance providing tax relief. They discussed whether car tax is considered real property tax and if you are in arrears in your auto tax, can you apply for the tax relief. This was tabled until the next Selectmen's meeting.

Sinking Fund Request – Park & Recreation Sinking Fund

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend to the Board of Finance to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of the project at Clark's Pond. Said sum to be taken from the Park and Recreation Capital and Sinking Fund. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing: - None Set

Set Town Meeting: - None Set

Public Comment:

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Sidewalk Snow Removal

There was discussion regarding snow removal on sidewalks. Three scenarios were discussed.

1. To continue the way it has always been done with homeowner's responsible for shoveling their sidewalks but to do add a public relations campaign to everyone to encourage do their part by clearing sidewalks of snow.
2. To create an ordinance requiring people to do it.
3. To have the Town responsible for clearing the approximately 9 miles of sidewalks. This could be done with additional staffing and the purchase of sidewalk snow removal equipment or contracting out the sidewalk snow removal for the Town.

There was a reminder that there is no parking on the streets during any time that there is plowing.

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Mr. Needleman met with a team from CME Engineering regarding bridges in the Town. There was discussion on the bridges, some needing repairs and some that would need full replacement. There was also discussion on the culverts. Some are in bad shape.

There was discussion on the Town Hall kitchen by the auditorium and whether an architect would be needed to do plans for both the kitchen and the second floor.

There was discussion on safety officers at schools.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli