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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2011
Meeting Room A**

Present: Philip J. Miller, First Selectman
Norman M. Needleman, Selectman
Joel B. Marzi, Selectman

Philip Miller called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Philip Miller to approve the Agenda with one item under New Business, Item 8B Department of Public Safety Town Resolution - Connecticut State Police Contract - Resolution for Contract Execution. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Philip Miller to approve the April 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. Joel Marzi abstained since he was not at the meeting. All in favor.

Communications and Correspondence: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Alison Nichols made an inquiry as to why Valley News Now was on the town's web site. Mr. Miller stated that he believed the link is on the web site because it is a great resource for local news in and around the Town of Essex. Mr. Miller thanked her for notifying the Selectman's office and that he would look into it.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mr. Philip Miller reported on the State of Connecticut budget and the results pertaining to the negotiations with the unions should be known around May 18th. There was discussion pertaining to the State of Connecticut budget.

Novelty Lane

Mr. Jeff Going and Mr. Doug Domenie were here tonight to discuss the two issues with Novelty Lane. Mr. Going suggested that a complete deed search be done. He stated there is a paved portion of Novelty Lane and a public access portion which is mostly grass. Mr. Going stated there is also the issue with the installation of a retaining wall.

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Mr. Needleman stated there are funds left over from the grant that will be used on the lower section of Novelty Lane in the public access area.

Mr. Going suggested the town look these issues over to come to some conclusion.

There was discussion about removal of the stone wall.

Mr. Marzi inquired whether the remaining grant funds were going to be used on private property. Mr. Going stated the grant funds must be used for the public access area, but there is a need to clear up the road issues first.

Mr. Going stated the road issues were presented to Attorney Royston in 1995. Attorney Royston sent out quit claim deeds to various property owners. Mr. Going wants to know who signed the quit claim deeds and the status.

The Harbor Management Commission would like the town have public access to the road.

Mack Lane

Mr. Miller reported that a stone wall was built on Mack Lane. There are concerns from the fire marshal that this wall affects the town because fire trucks and snow plows cannot access this road because the wall makes the road narrow. The town has requested that the wall be removed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Philip Miller to appoint Susan Malan to the position of regular member of the Sanitary Waste Commission. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Philip Miller to appoint Susan Malan to the position of regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority. Joel Marzi seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Philip Miller to appoint Mark Reeves to the position of alternate member of the Sanitary Waste Commission. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Philip Miller to appoint Mark Reeves to the position of alternate member of the Water Pollution Control Authority. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Motion was made by Philip Miller to appoint Michael Noto to the position of alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Philip Miller to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Department of Public Safety Town Resolution - Connecticut State Police Contract - Resolution for Contract Execution:

Motion was made by Philip Miller to approve the following resolution. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

RESOLVED: That Philip J. Miller, the First Selectman of the Town of Essex, be and herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Essex with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police for the services of two Resident State Troopers for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

Public Comment:

Ms. Melanie Phoenix made additional inquiries pertaining to Novelty Lane.

Ms. Lois Ely inquired about a prior study that was done on all these right of ways. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Don Malcarne worked on this issue and no determination was ever made.

There was additional discussion pertaining to both Mack and Novelty Lane.

Mr. Marzi discussed some zoning regulations regarding property gained and lost.

Mr. Neil Nichols stated that trees by the stone wall on Novelty Lane are shallow feeders.

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION: None

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m. Philip Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Lucarelli