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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**July 6, 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 5:03 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** was made by Philip Miller to approve the June 15, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**State of Connecticut – Small Cities Grant**

Mr. Philip Miller reported that there were 8 contractors who submitted bids. The bid opening was last Thursday and the low bidder was T.M. Builders, LLC. The range was from \$367,000 up to \$764,300.

**Connecticut River Gateway Commission**

Mr. Miller reported that we need a second Gateway representative, which is a 2 year term. Mr. Anthony Chirico is currently a representative. We are a member in good standing. Mr. Miller handed out a map of the Gateway area to the Selectmen. Anyone interested in becoming a representative please contact the Selectman's Office.

**Rain**

Mr. Miller reported on the rain that happened on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. There was severe flooding in certain areas in and around town. There are a few problems in the town at the moment, some deeds have conditions that states that the original owners must maintain swales to prevent flooding problems. Now that houses are sold to new owners, these conditions are not passed on to the new owners. Drainage swales are plugged up with homeowner's clippings. Mr. Miller suggested the land use department and homeowner's review their deeds to determine who is responsible for taking care of these types of issues.

**Safe Routes to School**

Mr. Miller reported that this grant has gone out to bid and the results are to follow.

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### **Pump Out Boat**

Kate Brown is the new contact person, she runs the Long Island Sound Programs. Joel Severance does the hiring and training. This program is funded by state and federal grants, plus in-kind donations from nautical merchants. Wally Schieferdecker is also a contact person.

### **Ivoryton study is Progressing.**

Mr. Miller reported that the study is looking at 7 or 8 parcels for suitability for a communal septic system.

### **Piano Works, Ivoryton**

Mr. Miller reported that the low bid was not met, but there is a plan to purchase still in the works.

### **Traffic Complaints**

Mr. Miller reported on speeding issues around town, primarily complaints around Lynn Road and Bushy Hill. Tickets are being issued, but they tend to be residents in the area.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Novelty Lane**

Mr. Miller reported that real estate deeds are being looked at as far back as the 1700s to determine ownerships along that road.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Town Hall Sound System**

Mr. Miller reported that there have been requests for a sound system in the auditorium. Mr. Marzi stated he did not know about the costs. Mr. Needleman stated that he is aware of PA system in a box that costs approximately \$500; he also suggested changing the formatting of the seating in the room. Mr. Marzi suggested that the Selectman's Office look into prices and present them at the next Board of Selectmen meeting for discussion.

#### **Proposed Subdivision Fee Ordinance**

Mr. Miller reported that the Planning Commission suggested revising the fees to bring them up to other town's fees. Mr. Miller stated that planning representatives should come to the next Selectman's meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> to explain why they agreed and why they disagreed with some of the attorney's findings. Mr. Marzi stated that the fee schedule looks expensive to him. Mr. Miller suggested we invite the planner and Dr. Danyliw to the next Board of Selectmen meeting to explain.

#### **Retirement Plan – Public Works Union Request**

Mr. Miller reported that the public works union has requested a change of the pension plan multiplier to go from 1.4 to 1.5. Mr. Needleman wanted to know what the costs would be. Mr. Miller stated that he believed it would be approximately \$25,000 and he knew that any modifications to the plan must go to a Town Meeting. So it is up to the town to decide.

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## **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

**Motion** was made by Philip Miller to enter Traffic Authority. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Marzi discussed the Edgewood Avenue in Ivoryton issue of speeding especially by the crosswalk. It is the closest street to the Mazda dealership. Crossing Edgewood to the cross street is difficult. The State of Connecticut placed a cross walk there by Edgewood and there is also a bus stop. Cars are not stopping at the cross walk and children are having difficulty crossing. Cars are traveling at unsafe speeds. The police have been notified. The residents and parents are asking for a flashing yellow light. Mr. Needleman suggested the Selectmen drive by and look at this area and table this to the next meeting.

**Motion** was made by Joel Marzi to exit Traffic Authority. Philip Miller seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

## **SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Needleman reported that he was aware of a fox incident and wanted to know more about it.

Kathy Bishop reported that she was aware of Fisher Cats in the area.

Mr. Miller stated that Essex is abundant with wildlife.

**Motion** was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:47 p.m. Philip Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Lucarelli