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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
June 19, 2013**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the June 5, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Norman Needleman seconded the motion.

Communications and Correspondence: None

Public Announcements / Comment: None

Traffic Authority

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

25 Main Street

There was discussion on a property at 25 Main Street. The homeowner would like to change the sidewalk apron. The Selectmen would like additional information and tabled this until the next 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 – Mr. Needleman requested that the committee be invited to the next Board of Selectmen meeting on July 3rd to discuss their findings.

T.O.P.P.S. Mr. Needleman reported the T.O.P.P.S. committee has been disbanded. The Selectmen will be looking at the Traffic Study that was completed and they will look into the options and suggestions in the report. Ms. Libby recommended that a representative from the Fire Department be invited to participate in any future discussions and decisions.

Ivoryton Grant – still waiting for results.

Safe Routes to School – there was discussion on improvements this grant could be used for.

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Plan of Conservation and Development – Mr. Needleman reported that the updates to this plan have begun.

Household Hazardous Waste – Nothing new to report.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station – There was discussion on placing an automobile charging station in the Town Hall Parking Lot. The installation will be at no charge to the Town. Mr. Marzi requested that the Town insurance company (CIRMA) be asked whether there is any liability to the Town.

Workforce Alliance Nominations – They are looking for someone who would be willing to serve on their board.

Memorial Day Volunteer Needed. The Selectmen are still looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the Memorial Day Parade. There is \$1,500 in the budget for wreaths, flowers, and flags, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sanitary Waste Commission Fee Collection

Mr. Needleman stated that there is a proposal being worked on. The proposal is to eliminate cash at the landfill and to offset the cost of bulky waste. Mr. Needleman reported the trucking & waste contract has been renegotiated. There was discussion on saving money on the hauling and dumping fees. Going forward, all bulky waste will be paid with check, credit card or bank card.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Selectmen Summer Meeting Schedule

There was discussion on the summer meeting schedule and a reminder that going forward there will be only one Selectmen meeting per month starting in September.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to cancel the July 17th and the August 21st Board of Selectmen meetings. Joel Marzi seconded the motion. All in favor.

Middlesex County Substance Abuse Council

There was discussion on a letter of support request.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the letter of support (letter attached). Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment:

Walter Schieferdecker inquired about the Revaluation. Mr. Needleman reported that 50% of the properties have been completed and they are still in the data collection phase of the revaluation.

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

STEAP Grant – Essex Civic Campus

The preliminary plans for Essex Civic Campus were presented. The plans show two cross walks to allow for safe crossing between the Town Hall and the library. Plans are available for viewing in the First Selectman's office. The plans include four handicap parking spots by the rear entrance to the Town Hall and one by the Playscape. The goal is to have the project completed by November 15th

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and the landscaping done in the spring. The Request for Proposals will be going out mid-July. The Town will be using State Contracts for the Playscape equipment and the asphalt.

There will be discussion on the Civic Campus STEAP Grant on July 3rd at 5 pm.

There was discussion regarding using pre-cast concrete curbing or granite. There was also discussion on redesigning the police department and the entrance to Town Hall.

2013 Statewide Emergency Exercise

Mr. Needleman reported the Town of Essex would be participating in the Statewide Winter Weather Exercise Ice Storm Event on June 20th

Blight Ordinance

There was discussion on the possibility of having a Blight Ordinance pertaining to abandoned or foreclosed properties in disrepair. The Selectmen would like the authority to have some ability to do something about the blighted properties, whether it is mowing the lawn, etc.

Industrial Park Road

There was discussion on the damage to the road due to the flooding. The repairs will be done and are covered under warrantee.

Ordinances

There was discussion on the continued clean up old ordinances and implementing new ones, like blight and parking.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli



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Barbara Metcalf Walsh, Supervisor
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Dear Ms. Walsh:

I am writing in strong support of the Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County's application for a Tobacco Use Cessation Services grant from the Department of Public Health. The "600 Strong!" project, as outlined by director Betsey Chadwick, will assist six hundred Middlesex County residents to become tobacco free.

This project is unique in its use of traditional and new media to ignite public interest and motivate smokers to quit. I understand that billboards, public transit ads, newspaper and local television coverage will be coupled with podcasts and twitter feed to follow the stories of "local celebrities" who are trying to quit, have quit, or who wish they had never started smoking!

As the First Selectman of the Town of Essex, I am willing to participate in the "600 Strong" project by lending my name in support of the project.

This project has the potential to make Middlesex County the *statewide leader* of tobacco-free living. Our region will be proud to gain such recognition. Please give this proposal every consideration.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Norman M. Needleman