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

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to approve the September 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Communications and Correspondence:

Discount Prescription Card. The discount card had a cost savings of \$736.76 for August and \$1,471.31 for September.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

Traffic Authority

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

Driveway Approach Permit Application. There was discussion on the driveway cut request at 40 Main Street in Essex which would make the driveway circular. It was determined that two parking spaces could not be lost on Main Street. The homeowner submitted new plans that showed the placement of the new driveway and eliminated the old driveway.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the permit application for the driveway plan that was submitted to the Selectmen tonight. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Household Hazardous Waste

The September 21st collection had 17 household participants. The October 12th collection had 23 household participants.

OLD BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation–Recognizing November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to approve the Proclamation (copy attached). Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Resolution Local Bridge Program

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Local Bridge Program Signatory Resolution (copy attached). Joel Marzi seconded the motion. Motion carried

Mr. Marzi stated that the Town should be careful with the flood plain. Mr. Needleman reported that the building committee will be looking into the bridges.

Board of Selectmen Schedule

There was discussion on going back to two meetings per month.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the reinstatement of the November 6th and the December 4th Meetings at 5:00 pm. Joel Marzi seconded the motion. Motion carried

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to accept the resignation of Fred. R. Hitchcock as from the Essex Harbor Management Commission. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Inland Wetlands Permit Fees – Clarks Pond

The Essex Foundation is doing work on the Clarks Pond Recreation Area in Ivoryton. There was discussion on which fees the Town could waive. The Town fee can be waived, but they cannot waive the DEEP fee.

Motion was made by Norman M. Needleman to waive the Town permit fees for the Clarks Pond Recreation Area project. Joel Marzi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Boiler Replacement

Motion was made by Norman M. Needleman to recommend to the Board of Finance to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$40,000 to the Municipal Property Improvements budget for the purpose of boiler replacement and heating system improvements at the Essex Town Hall. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Property Acquisition

Mr. Needleman reported that the Town had come to a negotiated agreement to purchase a piece of the property abutting the Town Hall property. Mr. Needleman felt this was a good opportunity for the Town at a fair price. This was tabled until the next Board of Selectmen meeting so that all three Selectmen were in attendance to vote

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Set Public Hearing

There was discussion on the proposed Essex Transfer Station Fees and scheduling a public hearing that would solicit input from the residents of Essex. The fee schedule will go into effect January 1, 2014.

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to set a Public Hearing Meeting for Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 4:45 pm. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Director of Finance, Kelly Sterner presented a Forecast without New Debt Assumptions to the Selectmen.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli



PROCLAMATION

Recognizing November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS approximately 530 deaths will occur in Connecticut in 2013;

WHEREAS the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020;

WHEREAS the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Essex and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Essex support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Essex are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman of the Town of Essex, do hereby designate the month of November 2013 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

Signed,


Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman, Town of Essex



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Signatory Authorizing Resolution

I, Frances D. Nolin, the duly qualified and Town Clerk of the Town of Essex, a municipality organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the following is a full and true copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Essex, duly held on the 16th of October 2013, and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Resolved that Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman of the Town of Essex is hereby authorized to sign the LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION on behalf of the TOWN OF ESSEX for Ivory Street over Falls River (South Branch), Bridge No. 049002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Town of Essex this 17th day of October, A.D. 2013.

Frances D. Nolin, Town Clerk