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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2014**

Present: Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman
Stacia Libby, Selectman
Bruce M. Glowac, Selectman

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Agenda with two additions under New Business, Adoption Agreement For the Town of Essex 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan and Set Town Meeting. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the January 8th Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Certification of Increased Veterans' Exemptions – Grand List Comparison

Revaluation in 2012 was \$1,119,619,296 and in 2013 the total net is \$1,033,200,611 with a total gross change of \$87,465,355.

Thank You Letter

Norman reported that he received a thank you letter for the help from the Animal Control Officer Jae Wolf and Officer Paul Kenefick.

CCM Prescription Discount Card Program

207 prescription claims have been processed since April 2013. Essex residents have saved \$7,500.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Retirement Plan – Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution

Mr. Needleman reported that they had looked at the current pension plan and the nature of the plan, and they have decided to keep the current plan and will no longer be looking at converting to a defined contribution plan.

Adoption Agreement For the Town of Essex 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Adoption Agreement For the Town of Essex 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan effective January 1, 2014 which will allow Roth contributions. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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Solarize Connecticut

The Town of Essex discussed applying to participate in the Solarize Program. Solarize is a state-sponsored program through the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) in coordination with SmartPower and can help residents save money and reduce their carbon footprint through solar power. The partnership is a 20-weeks program. Stacy Abbot would be coordinating. Erin O'Sullivan will be in charge of the marketing and communications.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to agree to participate in the Solarize Connecticut Program. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Demolition Ordinance

Mr. Needleman stated that he did receive a redlined version of the ordinance late today and would like time to review it. This has been tabled until the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

The current Town historian, Chris Pagliuco has resigned but has agreed to stay until May to allow time for a replacement to be found. The Selectmen thanked him for his service.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to appoint Terry Stewart as an alternate member of the Harbor Commission. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to appoint Peter Sarnier an alternate member of Park and Recreation Commission. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to appoint Barbara Sorrentino as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to appoint Peter Decker as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to re-appoint Eric Peter Bierrie as a member of the Estuary Transit District. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Resolution – Cafeteria Plan Amendment for Health FSA Carryover

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Cafeteria Plan Amendment for Health FSA Carryover Resolution (see attached). Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Design and Engineering Costs for Bridges

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend to the Board of Finance an appropriation from the unassigned fund balance for the design and engineering costs in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the Walnut Street Bridge and an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the Ivory Street Bridge. The town intends to reimburse this appropriation with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations to be authorized to finance the full project cost. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 4:55 pm. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Plan of Conservation and Development

There was discussion on the proposed changes to the plan. The public hearing has been set for February 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium.

Landfill

The landfill is now accepting credit cards. Bulky waste fees will increase on July 1st, 2014. Annual landfill stickers will be available for purchase soon.

Budget

The plan for this Saturday's budget workshop is to get through as much of the budget as much as possible.

Building Department

There was discussion on purchasing and implementing a software package that could do the permitting. The cost would be approximately \$10 per permit.

The Preserve

There was discussion on the preserve and the parcel of land in Essex. .

Southern Connecticut Gas Lines

There was discussion on the status of the lines.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli



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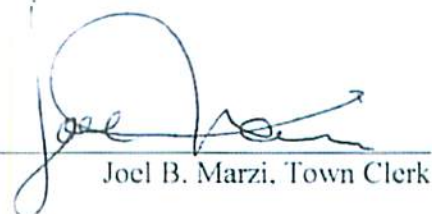
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION

I, Joel B. Marzi, 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 5th of February, 2014, 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 the Amendment to the Town of Essex Cafeteria Plan Amendment for Health FSA Carryover and Other Options Plan (the Amendment) is hereby approved and adopted, and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the amendment.

The undersigned further certifies that attached hereto is a copy of the Amendment approved and adopted in the foregoing resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Essex this 6th day of February, A.D. 2014.



Joel B. Marzi, Town Clerk