BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING February 6, 2013

Present:

Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman

Stacia R. Libby, Selectman Joel B. Marzi, Selectman

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda with one addition under New Business to add Request for Additional Funding – Emergency Operation Center windows. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the January 16, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence:

Mr. Needleman reported that he has received a request to name the road going into the Essex Housing complex to be Marybeth in honor of Marybeth Stebbins.

Public Announcements: None

Traffic Authority

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

Ivory Street - No Parking Signs

Stacia Libby met with shop owners on Ivory Street to discuss the no parking signs. Shop owners and residents were aware of safety issues when cars were parking on both sides of the street.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to have no parking signs installed along Ivory Street. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Earl Street / Earl Street Extension

Mr. Needleman stated that he has placed this back on the agenda because since the last Board of Selectmen meeting there was an issue with an ambulance being called and they had a time finding the exact house quickly. There was discussion about making a recommendation to Planning Commission to look at resolving the street name issue that should never have happened. Mr. Needleman suggested making this all Earl Street.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to recommend to the Planning Commission for their input on changing the Earl Street and Earl Street Extension to all Earl Street. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

Joel Marzi had nothing to report at this time.

<u>Traffic Calming Program – Traffic Options Promoting Public Safety (T.O.P.P.S.)</u> Stacia Libby stated that TOPPS did not meet this week. Nothing new to report.

Household Hazardous Waste Totals - Nothing new to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sanitary Waste Commission Fee Collection

Mr. Needleman tabled this for the next Selectmen's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to appoint John Bauman as an alternate member to the Park & Recreation Commission. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Elderly Tax Relief

There was discussion on the Second Amendment and Extension of the Ordinance Providing Tax Relief for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners. This amendment will prevent anyone getting kicked off the plan if it does not get renewed. (See attached).

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Second Amendment and Extension of the Ordinance Providing Tax Relief for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert Dixon discussed the refinance of the existing Essex Elementary School bond. Mr. Dixon stated this would level out the principal payments and would save the Town over \$540,000. Approximately \$106,000 would be saved in the first year. The term of the new bond would be until 2028

Norman read into the record:

TOWN OF ESSEX
FEBRUARY 6, 2013
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
ITEM TO BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA

1. To consider and act upon a resolution entitled:

RE: RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$10.0 MILLION TOWN OF ESSEX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, AUTHORIZING COMBINING INTO ONE ISSUE AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS WITH THE REFUNDING BONDS ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED

BONDS OF THE TOWN, AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE INVESTMENT OF REFUNDING ESCROW AND ITS REINVESTMENT OVER ITS TERM

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Resolution. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried. All in favor.

Emergency Management Performance Grant Resolution

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Resolution (see attached). Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Request for Additional Funding

Mr. Needleman reported that a consultant has been re-writing the employee manual because the current employee manual is outdated.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend to the Board of Finance a request for additional funding of \$10,000 for the Human Resource Consultant. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Needleman reported that the over the rail mower that was recently purchased for \$35,000. The current amount in the budget for the mower is \$29,000 with a shortage of \$6,000.

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to recommend to the Board of Finance a request for additional funding of \$6,000 for the purchase of the over the rail mower. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Needleman reported the cost for the installation of the Emergency Operation Center plexi glass windows was \$3,583.48.

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to recommend to the Board of Finance a request for additional funding of \$3,500 for the installation of the plexi glass windows. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of the Second Amendment and Extension of the Ordinance Providing Tax Relief for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Set Town Meeting:

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, February 20th, 2013 immediately following the Public Hearing for the purpose of the Second Amendment and Extension of the Ordinance Providing Tax Relief for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners and to approve the appointment of the Alternate Park & Recreation member. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Walter Schieferdecker inquired when the bond would close. Mr. Dixon stated that he anticipated the package would be put together in the next two weeks and it would close in early March if everything goes as scheduled.

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Boards & Commission Motions

Mr. Needleman and the Selectmen discussed Motions that had been made at other Boards and Commission meetings.

Abstract Recycling Art Program

There was discussion on implementing an Abstract Recycling Art Program. The recommended program proposal is for approximately 10 – 15 sculptures to be installed along town Dump Road from just inside the train tracks up to entrance to Calamari's Recycling facility. The artwork will be constructed offsite. The exhibit is anticipated to remain standing for two months from August to September. The Selectmen requested the Town's insurance company be notified to foresee any liability on the Town with such a program. The Selectmen tabled this until the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss further.

Tree Committee

Mr. Needleman reported that there is a change in the procedure for appointing Tree Committee members. The Tree Committee appointments do not need a Town Meeting or to be sworn in. These are not necessary steps for this committee.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Maria P. Lucarelli

SECOND AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS

Whereas, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-129n, a municipality may by ordinance provide property tax relief to certain qualified elderly or disabled homeowners; and

Whereas, the Town of Essex is providing such property tax relief pursuant to an Ordinance adopted on February 3, 2010, which Ordinance was amended by the Essex Town Meeting on December 19, 2012 and is designated Ordinance 12-02;

Whereas, said amended Ordinance 12-02 adopted on December 19, 2012 expires on November 1, 2018; and

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Essex have recommended a further amendment of Ordinance 12-02 to clarify the provisions regarding the continuation of benefits upon the expiration of said Ordinance in the event it is not further amended or extended.

Now therefore, the following Second Amendment to the Ordinance adopted February 3, 2010 and amended on December 19, 2012 is hereby adopted.

Paragraph 14 of Ordinance 12-02 is deleted and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

14. The expiration of this amended Ordinance shall not affect any tax deferrals applied for and granted prior to such expiration. Previously qualified recipients may continue to receive payment deferrals for taxes on Grand Lists occurring subsequent to the expiration of this amend Ordinance 12-02, subject to the Board of Finance establishing the maximum amount of the deferral benefits and the interest rate on such deferrals pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the amended Ordinance 12-02. The terms of amended Ordinance 12-02 with respect to the time of payment shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication hereof in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Essex.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

CERTIFICATION:

I, Frances D. Nolin, the Town Clerk of the Town of Essex, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Essex at its duly called and held meeting on February 6, 2013, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Essex may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection including the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Norman M. Needleman, as First Selectman of the Town of Essex, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Essex and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Norman M. Needleman now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 15, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 7th day of February 2013.

Frances D. Nolin Town Clerk

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