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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
February 20, 2013**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the February 2, 2013 Budget Workshop Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the February 6, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the February 6, 2013 Budget Workshop Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence:

Mr. Needleman reported on the Prescription Drug Take Back on Saturday April 27th from 10 – 2. Bring expired or unused prescription drugs so they do not get into the drinking water.

Public Announcements / Comment:

There was discussion on the Proposed Car Tax Elimination and how this would significantly impact the Town's finances.

Cecelia Brown is Grand Marshal at Essex Go Bragh Parade on March 16th.

There was discussion on the Region 4 budget numbers.

Traffic Authority had nothing to discuss at this time.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Capital Committee

Joel Marzi had nothing to report at this time.

Traffic Calming Program – Traffic Options Promoting Public Safety (T.O.P.P.S.)

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. They are shut for the winter.

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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 Joel Marzi to appoint Adrienne Forrest as a regular member to the Conservation Commission. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to appoint Adrienne Forrest as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to appoint David Sousa as a regular member to the Economic Development Commission. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Waiver of the Permit Fees – Public Works Storage Shed

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to waive the building permit fees for the Public Works Shed at Dump Road. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Cruiser Sinking Fund Request

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend to the Board of Finance to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$36,636 for the purpose of the purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer Police Utility. Said sum to be taken from the Cruiser Sinking Fund. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Loader Plow

There was discussion on a piece of equipment that was believed to be needed for future storms. Mr. Marzi suggested contacting a Bob Cat sales person to see what equipment is available that can take attachments. This was tabled until the public works director returns from vacation to discuss further.

Set Town Meeting:

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, March 6th, 2013 at 4:45 for the purpose of approval of appointments and an appropriation from the cruiser sinking fund. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There was discussion on the ceiling in the auditorium. Mr. Needleman stated the duct work came loose. Repairs are being made and auditorium should be opened by end of next week. .

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SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

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.

Ice and Snow Ordinance

There was discussion on implementing an ice and snow ordinance. Mr. Needleman stated that they are allowed to create an ordinance that requires residents to shovel their sidewalks. There was discussion on who would enforce this ordinance? There was discussion on possibly holding a public hearing to hear townspeople opinions.

February 8 – 9th Blizzard

There was discussion on the cleanup from this snow storm that took more than a week.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli