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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
May 2, 2019**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the April 3 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Finance Director Kelly Sterner presented to the Selectmen a Draft Ordinance Creating an OPEB Trust. Mr. Needleman asked that this Ordinance be added to the next Selectmen meeting agenda.

Public Announcements / Comment:

New resident Jeff Becker presented to the Board of Selectmen four requests.

His first request is to have the speed limit signs along Route 602 be reviewed. Mr. Becker noted that driving from Centerbrook to Ivoryton the speed limit sign is 30 mph, then the sign near Conklin Street reads 35, then less than 100 yards from Conklin there is another sign that reads 25. There was discussion of possibly removing the 35 mph sign. The Selectmen are aware that it is a state road and as Traffic Authority of the Town, they can submit a request to the state to review this road.

Mr. Becker's second request is to have a "Hidden Driveway" sign installed just before the Copper Beech Inn. Mr. Becker reported that when making a left hand turn out of his driveway towards Centerbrook, there is a sharp curve in the road, which causes a sight line issue.

His third request was to see if another flashing 25 mph speed limit sign could be installed just before the curve for drivers going from Ivoryton to Centerbrook.

His fourth request/suggestion was asking if there was the possibility of adding pickle ball lines to the Town Hall tennis courts, which would open the courts for additional athletes.

Mr. Needleman welcomed and thanked Mr. Becker for his suggestions. Mr. Needleman reported that he would work on submitting the request to the State to have the speed limit signs reviewed and installing a hidden driveway sign just after Bracket Lane and just before the Copper Beech Inn. Mr. Needleman suggested that Mr. Becker contact the Park and Recreation Director Mary Ellen Barnes to discuss the tennis courts, since the Park and Recreation Commission oversee the tennis courts.

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions None

Permit Fee

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to waive an Essex Permit Application Fee for the Sunset Pond Project. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Assistance Act – The Ivoryton Library Association

Norman Needleman reported that The Essex Historical Society has submitted an application under the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. The Neighborhood Assistance Act is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax-exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses that make cash contributions to these entities. The application process requires a public hearing and approval by the governing body of the municipality.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Neighborhood Assistance Act application for The Essex Historical Society. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Assistance Act - Schedule Public Hearing

Bruce Glowac reported that the Essex Historical Society has submitted an application under the State of Connecticut, Neighborhood Assistance Act. This process requires the Town hold a Public Hearing.

Public Hearing

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to set a Public Hearing for all Neighborhood Assistance Act Applications on Wednesday, June 19th, 2019 at 6:50 p.m. in Conference Room A. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Set Town Meeting None

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Annual Burning of the Ships Day Parade is on Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 4 pm. The parade of fife and drum corps starts at 2 pm.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli