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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2019**

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

Bruce Glowac called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Agenda and to add the August 21, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting under New Business to the Agenda. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the July 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Finance Director Kelly Sterner presented to the Selectmen a General Fund - Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 and a list of potential Fiscal Year End Supplemental Appropriations that will be discussed at the September 4, 2019 Selectmen meeting.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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

Essex Land Trust Sign Request

The Essex Land Trust inquired whether a Windswept Ridge directional sign could be placed on the Ingham Hill Street sign. The Selectmen denied the request.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to deny installation of a Windswept Ridge directional sign be placed on the Ingham Hill Street sign. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions None

Police Cruiser Sinking Fund Request

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$66,000.00 for the purchase of a new police vehicle and all

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necessary equipment. Said sum to be taken from the Police Cruiser Sinking Fund. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Sinking Fund Request – Essex Fire Engine Company #1

Fire Marshal John Planas, Chief of Department Aron Schumacher, and Assistant Chief Chris Going of the Essex Fire Engine Company #1 presented to the Board of Selectmen a request for \$125,000 from the Fire Department Sinking Fund. Said funds represent the local cost share of the Port Security Grant Program Award for the purchase of a 2019 MetalCraft Marine FireBrand 28 by the Essex Fire Engine Company #1.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$125,000 for the local cost share of the Port Security Grant Program Award for the purchase of a 2019 MetalCraft Marine FireBrand 28 by the Essex Fire Engine Company #1. Said sum to be taken from the Fire Department Sinking Fund. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Street Lights

Kelly Sterner presented to the Selectmen a Rate Comparison for Streetlights for the Town of Essex Eversource Accounts. There are currently 420 street lights which Eversource carries at a book value of \$144,766.26. There was discussion of the Town purchasing the streetlights from Eversource. Of the inventory of 420 streetlights, 401 fixtures have already been converted to LED. The LED lights have a life span of 20+ years. The estimated annual savings is approximately \$32,306.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve and move forward with the purchase of the streetlights owned by Eversource. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was further discussion on whether the Town should purchase a bucket truck in order to do the maintenance of the streetlights or whether to hire an electrician who has a bucket truck.

Schedule Public Hearing None

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to set a Town Meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 4:55 p.m. in Conference Room A. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

August 21, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to cancel the August 21, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli