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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
September 4, 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 with one addition, to add Supplemental Appropriations under New Business. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the August 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Essex Land Trust Earns National Recognition

Norman Needleman announced the Essex Land Trust has earned national recognition – joining a network of over 400 accredited land trusts across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to professional excellence and to maintain the public’s trust in their work. The accreditation process ensures that the land trust’s effort to preserve open space and natural resources will benefit both current and future generations.

Connecticut Tree Protective Association – 100th Anniversary Celebration

In honor of the Connecticut Tree Association celebrating their 100th Anniversary of the Arborist Law (CTPA), a White Oak will be given to the Town and planted in the fall of 2019 bearing a plaque explaining why it is being planted.

Veterans Awards Ceremony

On October 2nd at 5:00 pm there is a Veterans Awards Ceremony being held at the Essex Town Hall recognizing Veteran’s dedication and commitment to our Nation who served during the Vietnam-era.

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Medal Award Ceremony

On October 25th at 10:30 a ceremony for Stephen Anthony Eberle will be held in the Essex Town Hall Auditorium. He will be recognized for an outstanding act of selfless heroism when he pulled and saved a man from a burning vehicle in 2017.

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.

Mares Hill / Walnut Street Concerns

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There was discussion regarding concerns that cars are going fast through the corner at the top of Mares Hill and hitting the stone wall, and/or utility pole. The Selectmen confirmed that the streetlight on top of Mares Hill is installed and working in hopes this will improve visibility of the sharp turn. There was discussion on whether there was a light on this pole before, or if it was a new light. Regardless, there was discussion that the Selectmen want to look at ways to improve this area and to make it safer. There was discussion of putting up arrows and/or more signage and the possibility of installing a barrier that would be visible to cars approaching at night with reflective signs. The Selectmen will visit this location to determine other options and/or ways to making this area safer. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

South Main Street Signage and Speeding Concerns

South Main Street is an extremely narrow street. There are several apartments that have no driveway parking, thereby necessitating people to park in the street. When large trucks use this street as a cut through, they do not have much room to get by the parked cars, thus causing traffic jams and safety concerns for the residents who live on the street. A "No Through Trucks" sign was requested.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to install a no thru trucks or a no thru traffic sign just before the entrance on South Main Street. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Application Fee – Zoning Amendment Application by the Essex Planning Commission

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to waive all of the Town of Essex Application Fees on the Zoning Amendment Application by the Essex Planning Commission. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Resolution – Emergency Management Performance Grant

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization (see attached). Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Street Lights

At the August 7th meeting, the Selectmen voted to move forward with the purchase of streetlights owned by Eversource, but after looking into this purchase further, the Board of Selectmen have decided to withdraw the motion and not move forward with the purchase of the Eversource streetlights.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to withdraw the Motion to approve and move forward with the purchase of the streetlights owned by Eversource. The Selectmen are not interested in moving forward with the purchase. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Supplemental Appropriations

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the 2018/19 Budget year fye special/supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$600,000.00 to be distributed according to the following chart. Bruce Glowac seconded. Motion carried.

FYE Supplemental Appropriations

Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2019

	<u>Amount</u>
Merit Service Pension	\$ 50,000.00
Police Pension	225,000.00
PW Grounds Maintenance & Repairs for additional tree work	50,000.00
EES Capital Sinking Fund	45,000.00
Bridge/Infrastructure sinking fund	50,000.00
Ambulance sinking fund	10,000.00
Police Vehicle Sinking Fund	20,000.00
Fire Department Sinking Fund	50,000.00
Capital for Sidewalks &/or Road Reconstructions	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Supplemental Appropriations	<u>\$ 600,000.00</u>

* - available balance equals current balance less approved/outstanding appropriations

Schedule Public Hearing None

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to set a Town Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Town employee Boris Churyk passed away on August 21, 2019. We are saddened by the news. Boris will be truly missed and he will never be forgotten.

Public Safety Day is Sunday, September 29th at the Essex Firehouse from noon until 3 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

There was discussion of several complaints of dogs continuously barking in and around Town. There is no noise ordinance, but please be mindful of your neighbors.

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There was discussion of making the current part-time mechanic a full-time employee. The Board of Selectmen agree that this would benefit the Town in many ways.

The Town's current Resident State Trooper is out of work due to a pre-existing back injury.

There have been complaints regarding a home that is in disrepair and falling on Saybrook Road that is a safety concern. The Selectmen would like the Town Building Official to investigate this situation further.

There was discussion of a noise complaint on Pond Meadow due to a generator running several hours every day in Ivoryton. Upon further investigation it was discovered that someone is living in a trailer, which is not allowed. The Zoning Enforcement Officer is working on resolving this issue.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli