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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2019**

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

Bruce Glowac called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

There was discussion regarding restroom signage in Town Hall designating the second-floor restrooms for family or assisted use restrooms. There was a request to consider changing those signs to All Gender Restroom signage. The Selectmen were in favor of this suggestion and the signs will be ordered and installed.

Veterans Awards Ceremony

On October 2nd at 5:00 pm 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

There was discussion regarding concerns that cars are going too fast through the corner at the top of Mares Hill and hitting the stone wall, and/or utility pole. There was further discussion of ways to improve this area to make it safer. The Selectmen discussed installation of arrows and/or a "slow curve ahead" sign.

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Motion was made by Norman Needleman to recommend installation of a “slow down, sharp curve ahead sign” or a “curve ahead” warning sign as recommended by the Public Works Director. 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

Other Post-Employment Benefits “OPEB” Trust Document

Kelly Sterner presented to the Selectmen a current version of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust document. Copies of said document are on file in the Finance Department office. The Selectmen decided to table this to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to table the OPEB Trust Document. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Supplemental Appropriations - Amended

Norman Needleman suggested adding two additional supplemental appropriations. An additional \$25,000 to the Fire Department Sinking fund and \$25,000 for the OPEB Fund.

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 \$650,000.00 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	75,000.00
Capital for Sidewalks &/or Road Reconstructions	100,000.00
OPEB Fund	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total Supplemental Appropriations	<u>\$ 650,000.00</u>

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

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Schedule Public Hearing None

Set Town Meeting None

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Retired Town employee Joseph Heller passed away on September 8, 2019. We are saddened by the news. Joe 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 using funds from the Connectivity Grant to install a sidewalk in front of Centerbrook Architects.

There was discussion of how quickly grass can take over and encroach on sidewalks. It was recommended that public works purchase an edger part for the Bobcat.

The Town's current Resident State Trooper is out of work due to a pre-existing back injury. It is anticipated that a new Resident State Trooper will be assigned to Essex and starting in a few weeks.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli