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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 6, 2022**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

First Selectman Needleman welcomed everyone to the Board of Selectmen in person and remote public access meeting via Zoom.

In attendance: First Selectman Norman M. Needleman, Selectman Stacia R. Libby, and Selectman Bruce M. Glowac.

Others in attendance: Finance Director Tracey Celentano and Kelly Sterner.

**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 Bruce Glowac to approve the June 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence** None

**Public Announcements / Comment:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Capital Committee

The Selectmen discussed the priorities for the committee are to look at the Bridge and Sidewalks on River Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions**

Open Town Board and Commission positions can be found at  
[https://www.essexct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhliif3116/f/uploads/boards\\_and\\_commissions\\_website\\_30.pdf](https://www.essexct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhliif3116/f/uploads/boards_and_commissions_website_30.pdf)  
The application to join a Board or Commission can be found at:  
[https://www.essexct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhliif3116/f/file/file/application\\_to\\_volunteer\\_for\\_board\\_or\\_commission\\_fillable\\_4\\_13\\_18.pdf](https://www.essexct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhliif3116/f/file/file/application_to_volunteer_for_board_or_commission_fillable_4_13_18.pdf)

**The First Selectman appointed** Augie Pampel as the Essex Tree Warden for a one-year term to become effective July 16, 2022, through July 16, 2023.

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The following are Board and Commission openings:

- Conservation Commission – Regular Member
- Conservation Commission – Alternate Member
- Inland Wetlands Commission – Alternate Member
- Park and Recreation Commission – 3 Alternate Members
- Planning and Zoning Commission – 1 Regular Member

**American Rescue Plan Funds:**

The Finance Director presented to the Board of Selectmen the summary list of projects to date along with the remaining balance \$492,579.

The Estuary Council of Seniors requested \$2,000 to be used to fund the ongoing services provided by their social worker as they continue to navigate through the impacts of Covid.

**Motion** was made by Bruce Glowac to approve and recommend to Board of Finance an appropriation in the amount of \$2,000 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Estuary Council of Seniors to aid a local non-profit organization be used to fund the ongoing services provided by their social worker as they continue to navigate through the impacts of Covid due to the COVID pandemic. Funds are contingent on 75% of the other nine (9) towns participating. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing** None

**Set Town Meeting** None

**Public Comment / Announcements:** None

**SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**Pumpout Boat Program (Clean Vessel Act Grant)**

There was discussion on the Pumpout Boat Program. A new motor was ordered and is expected to arrive this week. Keeping the boats in good working order is costly and with the cost of running the boats, labor, and gas, expenses are higher than anticipated. The grant is a hard fixed federal budget, and the program absolutely cannot go over budget, but due to gas prices and long hours and overtime pay, the Town of Essex is going to have to ask the other participating towns to contribute some funds towards the program. Also, going forward, the Town may have to include a small appropriation into keeping this program going.

**Public Act 21-58 known as the “Bottle Bill” (nips)**

This act addresses many environmental concerns, including the issue of litter caused by the careless disposal of 50 ml alcohol beverage containers commonly known as “nips”. Effective October 1, 2021 all wholesaler distributors of “nips” collect 5 cents per “nip” bottle sold at Connecticut package stores. Every 6 months (April and October) each wholesaler remits to every Town where nips are sold, 5 cents per nip during the preceding 6 months.

The Town received \$5,031.80 for the period October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022. There was discussion that these funds should be directed to the Sustainability Committee or Clean Energy.

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Update on the Essex Veterans Memorial Hall - Expanding their Kitchen Area

The Essex Veterans reached out to the Essex Foundation with kitchen expansion plans. The kitchen improvements are going to cost approximately \$100,000. The Essex Foundation has agreed to match the funds up to \$50,000 with the goal to get them to be able to operate and sustain themselves with a bigger and better kitchen.

**Motion** was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria P. Lucarelli