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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
November 9, 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, Kelly Sterner, Judi Reynolds, DG Fitton, Steve Olsen, John Planas, Andy Kressley, Chris Going and Jeff Going.

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 October 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence None

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Committee:

Mr. Glowac reported that the Capital Committee met with Mary Ellen Barnes, Park & Rec Director, on October 25th to discuss the Park & Recreation capital improvements wish list. The list included, among other things, a new recreation center, a pool, and pickleball courts. The Essex Elementary School was the original suggested venue for the pickleball courts, but Ms. Barnes was opposed to this location because there would be limited use based on the school hours, the Park & Rec camp being at the school in the summer, and it would be very noisy for the residents in the area. Mr. Glowac said the committee discussed Viney Hill Brook Park as being a viable location. General discussion ensued about the current usage of Viney Hill Brook Park and the maintenance of the gate to the park. Mr. Needleman would like further research to be done regarding the use of the land.

Mr. Needleman met with Region 4 leadership to review capital projects and the Town's Average Daily Membership (ADM). The Essex ADM % went down slightly. The Board of Education hired a consultant to review long-term capital needs and presented a list of improvements estimated to cost \$16M for Region 4.

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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

The application to join a Board or Commission can be found at:
https://www.essexct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhliif3116/f/file/application_to_volunteer_for_board_or_commission_fillable_4_13_18.pdf

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend the following **Board of Selectmen appointments** to the Annual Town Meeting on November 21. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Harbor Management Commission

Jeffrey Going
Eugene C. Schellens
Brian Weinstein (alternate)

Park & Recreation Commission

John J. Bean, Jr.
Carolyn Field
Christopher Perry (alternate)
Vacancy (alternate)
Vacancy (alternate)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ward Feirer
William Timothy Furgueson

Planning and Zoning Commission

Gary Riggio
Jane Siris
Thomas Carroll (alternate)
Jeffrey Lovelace (alternate)
David Rosengren (alternate)

Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointments** that will go to the Annual Town Meeting on November 21:

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Conservation Commission

Frank Hall

Vacancy

Vacancy

Vacancy (alternate)

Vacancy (alternate)

Economic Development Commission

Thomas Pinkowish

Mary Ellen Barnes

Susan Malan

Thomas Nichols

Inland Wetlands Commission

David Kirsch

Vacancy

Noreen Brennan-Rowe (alternate)

Norman Needleman reported the following **Board of Selectmen appointments:**

Tree Committee

Susan Malan

Phyllis Pratt O'Neil

Vacancy

Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointments:**

Essex Housing Authority

Barbara Rutigliano

Sinking Fund Request – Essex Fire Engine Company #1

Essex Fire Engine Company #1 presented to the Board of Selectmen a request for \$132,209.95 from the Fire Department Sinking Fund. Said funds will be used for the purchase of the Bauer compressor equipment for 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 \$133,000.00 for the purchase of the Bauer compressor equipment. Said sum to be taken from the Fire Department Sinking Fund. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

American Rescue Plan Funds: None

2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

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2023 Holiday Schedule

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the 2023 Town of Essex Holiday Schedule. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

November 16, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to cancel the November 16, 2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Hearing None

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at 4:55 pm in Conference Room B. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment / Announcements: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Budget Meeting Dates

The Board of Selectmen scheduled the following Budget Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, February 15 at 5:00

Wednesday, March 1 immediately following the 5:00 pm regular meeting

Wednesday, March 15 at 5:00 (if needed)

Norman reminded everyone that:

- The Annual Report Dedication will be at 6:30 on Monday, November 21 in the Auditorium
- The Annual Town Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 21 in the Auditorium

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli