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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2016**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:08 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 Stacia Libby to approve the December 16th Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence:

Thank You Letter

The first Selectman received a letter of thanks for the quick response of the Animal Control Officer.

Johnson Farm – No Parking Sign

The Selectmen announced that the Essex Land Trust would be opening up the gate at the end of Walnut Street to access the Johnson Farm property by the end of week. No parking signs will be installed directing Land Trust Parking to Read Hill Road off Comstock Avenue.

Shoreline Times – Newspaper Litter

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Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Committee

Mr. Glowac reported the air conditioning units have been installed in the elementary school gymnasium. The committee is exploring structural issues in the Town Hall and determining how much wall in the Land Use Department can be removed during the renovations.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Police Assistance Agreement

There was discussion on the Police Assistance Agreement. Mr. Needleman stated the intent of the agreement is to provide private duty coverage when there are a lot of events in Town. This was tabled until the next Selectmen's meeting.

Police Cruiser Sinking Fund Request

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$51,000.00 for the purchase of a new police vehicle. Said sum to be taken from the Police Cruiser Sinking Fund. 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.

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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

Stop Sign. Main and Summit Streets in Ivoryton

There was discussion on installation of a stop sign at Main and Summit Street due to safety concerns about the speeding issues in downtown Ivoryton. Audience members reported on the potential for a serious pedestrian accident at this intersection if something isn't done to slow vehicles down. One audience member reported that he has almost been struck several times while pulling out of Summit. Everyone agrees it is difficult to ease out of Summit or the Ivoryton Inn to take a left hand turn.

Cars are driving through Ivoryton at very high speeds and cars are not stopping at the cross walks. Mr. Needleman stated that the officers have been pulling over speeders and warnings have been given out.

Ms. Libby stated that one of the main items and calming measures proposed during the Ivoryton enhancement improvement project was to install speed bumps, but unfortunately at the public hearing the public was not in favor of the idea. Residents were opposed to installation of any speed bumps.

Mr. Glowac stated the road is and always has been a through road. He is opposed to the installation of a stop sign because it causes additional carbon emission because large trucks and school buses will have to come to a complete stop and then will need to shift into gears. It will be loud and the noise level will increase significantly when trucks have to come to a complete stop and then shift into gear to go. It will also be an inconvenience to all local residents who live in the area. Large trucks are going to have to shift 5 gears to get going up to speed and you will hear J-breaks when they need to slow down. For years this location has not proven to be a problem. Bicyclists will also be impacted. Mr. Glowac stated that they could possibly put in a conditional stop sign for three (3) months. He agrees that the Town needs to enforce the speed limit consistently. He is aware that it is an unpopular option to issue tickets, but it may be the solution.

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Everyone is in agreement that there needs to be an effective way to reduce the speed in Ivoryton without have to have a park police car there all the time. There was discussion of the possibility of installing flashing yellow signs on both sides of the road coming into town. There was discussion about installing temporary speed bumps that could be removed during snow plowing season.

Mr. Needleman obtained letters of support for the installation of a stop sign in Ivoryton from both the Resident Trooper and the Essex Fire Chief. Both the Trooper and Chief expressed concerns for the safety of not only pedestrians, but cars that are taking left turns out of Summit Street.

Bruce Glowac and Stacia Libby suggested looking further into traffic calming strategies. There was further discussion on the installation of Speed Humps or otherwise known as Calming Bumps. Everyone wants the traffic through Ivoryton to slow down. The Selectmen will look into options and come up with a plan.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to table this item until the January 20, 2016 Meeting. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

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

Animal Control Officer

Norman Needleman re-appointed Jae Wolf as the Animal Control Officer for term January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017.

Representative South Central Emergency Medical Services Council

Norman Needleman re-appointed Judith Reynolds as the Representative South Central Emergency Medical Services Council for term January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to appoint David Gephard to the Essex Housing Authority for term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2021. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

SET TOWN MEETING

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 4:45 pm for the purpose of the Police Cruiser Sinking Fund Request. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

CERTIFICATION:

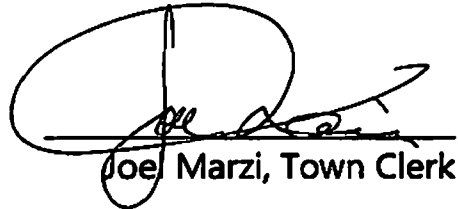
I, Joel Marzi, the Town Clerk of the Town of Essex, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Essex at its duly called and held meeting on January 6, 2016, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Essex may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Norman M. Needleman, as First Selectman of the Town of Essex, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Essex and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Norman M. Needleman now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 15, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 7th day of January 2016.



Joel Marzi, Town Clerk



The Chief Executive Office has not changed since the Previous resolution was authorized on February 7, 2013.