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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING January 20, 2016

Present: Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman

Stacia R. Libby, Selectman Bruce M. Glowac, Selectman

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 January 6th Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence:

2016 House Bond Request Form

The First Selectman reported on a potential bond request to remove an old stone pier abutment at the end of Thatchbed Island. These structures have been interrupting the natural flow of the river. The cost of the project is \$175,000.

Public Announcements / Comment:

Kelly Sterner, the Finance Director, reported that the majority of the budget requests have been submitted and the Resident Trooper will be budgeted at 100%.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Committee

Mr. Glowac reported the committee is looking at the possibility of an open floor plan in the Land Use Department. Mr. Glowac also reported that a solar panel system will be installed at the Elementary School.

Essex Housing Authority - Essex Place - Development Documents

This item has been tabled to the February 3, 2016 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

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. There was discussion on the hourly private duty rate. This was tabled until the next Selectmen's meeting.

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Partner with the Department of Housing to End Chronic Homelessness

There was discussion on the request from the Connecticut Department of Housing to join local provider's efforts to end chronic homelessness in the State of Connecticut.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the signing of the pledge to help end chronic homelessness across the State of the Connecticut by the end of the year. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Resolution - Governmental Entity Certificate of Resolution

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Governmental Entity Certificate of Resolution (see attached). Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

SET TOWN MEETING

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:45 pm. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, 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 the installation of a stop sign at Main and Summit Street due to safety concerns about the speeding issues in downtown Ivoryton. The Selectmen agree that this may not necessarily resolve the speeding concerns completely, but it will address the sightline issue created for motorists turning left off of Summit Street onto Main Street.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to recommend to the Public Works Department to add a stop sign at the corner of Summit and Main Streets at the corner by the Blue Hound Restaurant, heading east. This is being done on an interim basis, subjunctive to review at the end of the summer, at which time we will have a sense of its impact. This will be revisited at the September 7th Board of Selectmen meeting for a review and discussion. 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

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to recommend the following **Board of Selectmen appointments** to the Special Town Meeting on February 3. Norman Needleman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Harbor Management Commission

Eugene C. Schellens (alternate)

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Zoning Board of Appeals

Barbara Sarrantonio (regular) Philip Beckman (alternate)

Zoning Commission

Russell D. Smith (alternate)

Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointments** that will go to the Special Town Meeting on February 3:

Inland Wetlands Commission

Stephen Knauth (regular)

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Needleman reported the Town was currently in union negotiations with the Highway Department.

There was discussion on the fire at Calamari Recycling on Dump Road. The First Selectman expressed concerns about the Fire Marshal's limited jurisdiction regarding fire hazards. The Selectmen stated that they were never informed of any potential fire hazard at Calamari's, even though DEEP had issued a report. Nor were the Selectmen ever informed that an anonymous complaint came in about the unsafe conditions at Calamari's. The Selectmen were concerned about not being made aware of these complaints.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Maria P. Lucarelli



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