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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2017**

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 7 Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence:

Board and Commission Vacancies

There was discussion on current vacant positions on Town Boards and Commissions. There is one vacancy on Conservation Commission, one on Inland Wetlands Commission, one on the Retirement Board, and there are three vacancies on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Director of Tri-Town Youth Services Position

It was recently reported to the Essex Selectman that the Director of Tri-Town Youth Services was retiring and a new Director was chosen for the position. Several calls came into the Selectman's office inquiring if the Town knew when the Director position would be posted and when the hiring or application period would begin. The Selectmen felt that since surrounding Towns work closely with Tri Town and contribute substantial funds to Tri-Town, they should have been notified of the vacancy and had some input in the hiring of the new Director.

Public Announcements / Comment:

There was discussion of the financial impact due to the funding cuts from the State of Connecticut to Municipalities.

The railing for the Ivory Street Bridge is anticipated to arrive within the next three (3) weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Building Committee

Mr. Glowac reported that Riggio Construction is continuing to work on shoring up the floor joists over the Town Hall auditorium. There were findings of significant cracking of the joists that could potentially have become unsafe if left unrepaired. Once the ceiling is deemed safe, the filing cabinets will be scheduled and installed in the Land Use Department on the second floor. The auditorium ceiling insulation and lighting installation is also being scheduled.

Job Descriptions

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to table the job descriptions. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Evans Lane Dispute – “Pending Litigation” for FOIA Purposes

Town Counsel reports that settlement discussions continue, but there is no current agreement in place. This item will be continued on the February 1st agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions None

Resolution – Amended Certified Resolution of the Town of Essex Small Cities Program

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Amended Authorization Resolution (attached). Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Letter of Support – Essex Land Trust

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve a Letter of Support of the Essex Land Trust to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Town of Essex Resident Satisfaction Survey

There was discussion on sending out a Town of Essex resident satisfaction survey and whether to do an online email blast. The general consensus of the Selectmen was to do the survey to Essex residents.

Zoning Representation on Economic Development Commission

There was discussion about whether to have a Zoning Commission member on the Economic Development Commission to act as a liaison.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Ivory Street Bridge

There was discussion on possibly doing a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in May or June. There was discussion on possibly coordinating the ribbon cutting with an event that may already be going on like the May Market or the Farmer's Market.

Dennison Road Re-Engineering

There was discussion on the preliminary plans of the Dennison Road intersection.

Affordable Housing Survey

There was discussion on a survey that could be used to obtain comments from residents about affordable housing and determining a way to track how much affordable housing Essex currently has in Town.

Viney Hill Brook

There was discussion that the beavers are once again clogging up the drainage pipe. Remediation around the pipe, which is the installation of an exclusion fence and a flexible pond leveler, will be conducted in the spring.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli



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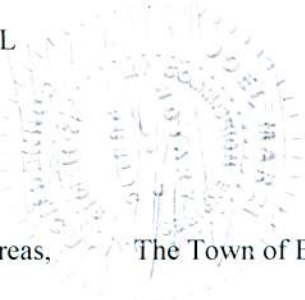
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FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TOWN OF ESSEX

Certified is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Essex at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen on January 4, 2017, and which has not been modified or rescinded in any way whatsoever.

SEAL



Joel Marzi, Town Clerk

Date

Joel Marzi 1/5/2017

Whereas, The Town of Essex has amended its 2015 Fair Housing Action Plan.

Whereas, This amendment shall reflect the deletion of Action Step #29: Apply to HUD for Section 8 subsidies through the local housing authority.

Whereas, This amendment shall reflect the addition of Action Step #24: Waive impact and permit fees for affordable housing developments.

Whereas, Action Step 24 has been implemented and documented.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Essex 2015 Fair Housing Action Plan remains in full force and effect with exception to the amendment stated here within.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town of Essex hereby continues to endorse a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law

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