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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
February 21, 2017**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 February 1 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the February 7 Special Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence: None

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Building Committee

Mr. Glowac reported the joist repairs and the floor supports in the auditorium have been completed. The insulation in the auditorium has been installed and the ceiling is done, except where the smoke detectors will be installed. The new LED lighting and dimmers have been installed. Most of the surface mounted conduit has been buried in the walls. The walls are being patched and painted. The AV wiring has been installed in the ceiling.

Job Descriptions

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Environmental Health Inspector job description. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Evans Lane Dispute – “Pending Litigation” for FOIA Purposes

Town Counsel asked that the Selectmen go into executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Norman Needleman reported a First Selectman appointment of Peter Decker to the Retirement Board.

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Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to accept the resignation of Lon Seidman from the Economic Development Commission with gratitude for his service. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Norman Needleman reported a First Selectman appointment of Brian Weinstein to the Economic Development Commission that will go to a Town Meeting on March 1, 2017.

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 4:55 pm for the Economic Development Commission appointment. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Permit Fees – Town of Essex

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to waive the Town of Essex Permit Application Fees for the Viney Hill Brook Park Drain Repair. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to waive the Town of Essex Permit Application Fees for the installation of the Comstock Scoreboard. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Open Space Sinking Fund Request – Essex Land Trust

The Essex Land Trust (“ELT”) is working on a project to acquire land Mblu 06 007 known as the Doane Property (18.4 acres) that will create a new corridor by connecting James Glen (3.5 acres) and Doanes’ Woods Preserve (17.24 acres), with the Deep River Land Trust Lyons Meadow Property (10.7 acres), for a total of 50 acres.

The Doane Property purchase cost is anticipated to be \$241,150 (65% of Fair Market Value, \$371,000). Funding for the purchase is expected to come from different sources:

1. Department of Energy and Environment Protection for the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant, contingent on being awarded.
2. The Essex Land Trust’s own funds in the bank
3. Fundraising efforts in the spring
4. An existing line of credit with Essex Savings Bank

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00 as partial funding for the purchase of Mblu 06 007 known as the Doane Property (18.4 +/- acres) of land off Oxbow Lane in Essex. Said sum to be taken from the Open Space Sinking Fund. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to go into Executive Session at 7:17 pm for the purpose of discussion of Evans Lane. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Present: Selectmen Members: Norman M. Needleman, Bruce M. Glowac, Stacia R. Libby, and invited guests Attorney David Royston and Selectmen's Assistant Maria P. Lucarelli

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to exit the Executive Session at 8:24 pm. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Re-open the Regular Meeting:

The regular meeting resumed at 8:25 pm.

Motion was made by Norman M. Needleman to direct Counsel to include in paragraph two of the draft Settlement Agreement that the Town would continue to have the "columns" included in Paragraph 2 and to accept and approve the draft Settlement Agreement with this recommended change, provided it is signed and agreed to by all the other parties. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION: None

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli