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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 5, 2017**

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

Norman Needleman called the regularly scheduled 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 March 15 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence:** None

**Public Announcements / Comment:**

**Public Safety Day – Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Essex Firehouse**

Paul Fazzino, Jr. mentioned to the Selectmen that a Safety Group was formed in order to look at ways to recruit, train, and retain volunteers in the Town of Essex. The Safety Group is organizing a Public Safety Day on Sunday, June 11 at the Firehouse from 10 am to 2 pm (rain date June 18<sup>th</sup>). The plan is to make the event an interactive day with hands on activities. The group is coordinating in having a Helicopter on site. The Group is also working on utilizing a moulage kit, which is an array of realistic wounds, fractures, and makeup. These kits would provide attendees with the opportunity to practice trauma patient assessment and management in an environment as realistic as possible. The Group is working on having a smokehouse trailer and food trucks on site.

**Essex Firetruck**

There was a report that one of the new fire trucks experienced a compression failure. The part is under warrantee and is being repaired.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Capital Building Committee**

Mr. Glowac had nothing new to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions** None

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**Valley Shore Emergency Communications, Incorporated (VSEMI) Agreement**

There was discussion on the service agreement for VSEMI for a term of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2022.

**Motion** was made by Bruce Glowac that Norman M. Needleman is empowered to execute on behalf of this municipality the Valley Shore Emergency Communications, Inc. and the Town of Essex. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Resolution – Small Town Economic Assistance Program**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Certified Resolution of the Governing Body (attached). Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Resolution – Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Certified Resolution of the Governing Body (attached). Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

The first Phase of this grant if funded is to do an engineering plan to do a survey of Thatchbed Island.

**Permit Fees – Town of Essex**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to waive the Town of Essex Permit Application Fees for the installation of the ductless heat pump system for the Town Hall Vault. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Set Town Meeting – Open Space Sinking Fund Request**

**Motion** was made by Norman Needleman to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6:55 pm for the Sinking Fund Request. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Public Announcements / Comment:** None

**SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**Connecticut Water – 2017 Public Fire Protection Charges**

There was discussion on the increase for the public fire protection charges as approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). The Selectmen would like to invite PURA to the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen Meeting to discuss the significant rate increase.

Finance Director Kelly Sterner reminded everyone that Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm is the Budget Public Hearing.

**Motion** was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria P. Lucarelli