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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2014**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Agenda with one change to add Permit Fees under New Business. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the May 7th Minutes. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

British Raid on Essex - Bicentennial Celebration

The commemoration day parade was held on May 10th. It was a great day for Essex. The Selectmen thanked everyone who helped make this event happen.

Mill Rate

On May 15, 2014 the Board of Finance adopted the mill rate for fiscal year 2014-2015: The mill rate effective July 1, 2014 will be 20.99.

Constant Contact

To receive current Essex news or information, go the www.essexct.gov website and click on the Subscribe to News button. The Selectmen encouraged everyone to sign up for this service.

Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) Tree Removal on Route 9

The Town of Essex was informed that the DOT removed trees in the center median of Route 9 in Old Saybrook as part of the State-wide tree clearing operation. This section of Route 9 focused on the removal of Locust Trees, which are an invasive species.

Request For Proposal (RFP) for Town's Pension Plan

The Essex Retirement Board is working on the RFP for the Town's pension plan. The Bank of America will no longer be the Town's provider. The Bank of America's deadline for the Town to select a new vendor was June 30, but has been extended to the end of October. The RFP's will be going out tomorrow, Thursday, May 22, 2014.

Solarize Essex Connecticut Program

This initiative makes solar easy and affordable for homeowners and helps residents purchase solar at discounted rates by combining bulk purchasing, state incentives, and federal rebates. There will be a

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Solarize Essex Launch Workshop for homeowners interested in learning how to cut their energy bill through solar on Thursday, June 5th from 7-8:30 pm in the Essex Town Hall Auditorium.

Annual Tour de Cure – American Diabetes Association

There will be a non-competitive bike ride through Connecticut on June 8th. The bike ride will be going through the Town of Essex.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update needs to be adopted as the official plan of the Town of Essex. A Resolution needs to be adopted. The Selectmen will review the proposed plan and the Plan will be placed on the June 4th Board of Selectmen meeting for a vote.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Amendment and Restatement of the Ordinance Delaying Granting of Permit for Demolition of Historic Buildings:

There was discussion on the Amendment and Restatement of the Ordinance Delaying Granting of Permit for Demolition of Historic Buildings. This amendment will assure that the decision to demolish buildings is made in consultation with others.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Amendment and Restatement of the Ordinance Delaying Granting of Permit for Demolition of Historic Buildings. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions - Nothing at this time.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

The Town is still looking for a volunteer for the Gateway Commission. It is a two (2) year term.

River Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission

The Board of Selectmen must appoint an alternate member.

Set Public Hearing

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of the Amendment and Restatement of the Ordinance Delaying Granting of Permit for Demolition of Historic Buildings and an Ordinance Renaming the Essex Sanitary Waste Commission the Essex Water Pollution Control Authority and Establishing its Jurisdiction. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Set Town Meeting:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, June 4, 2014 immediately following the Public Hearing for the purpose of the Amendment and Restatement of the

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Ordinance Delaying Granting of Permit for Demolition of Historic Buildings, and an Ordinance Renaming the Essex Sanitary Waste Commission the Essex Water Pollution Control Authority and Establishing its Jurisdiction, and to consent and approve that Essex Place Centerbrook, LLC shall make payments in lieu of taxes to the Municipality in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-118a and Section 8-119gg of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. In an amount equal to 10% of the net shelter rent per annum. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Waiver of the Permit Fees – Town of Essex Projects

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to waive any permit fees for the Town Hall Projects for the renovations to the kitchen by the auditorium and the renovations to the front entrance to the Town Hall. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)

There was discussion on C-PACE which provides 100% low interest upfront financing for property owners to add smart energy updates to their building. C-PACE allows building owners to minimize the investment, installation and performance risk of energy upgrades. The first step is the Selectmen would have to approve the Resolution.

There was discussion on whether this program could benefit buildings in Town. The C-PACE representative stated there is a list of approximately 40 Essex Commercial buildings that could benefit and C-PACE can finance up to 100%. The Selectmen requested the list from C-PACE before proceeding.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli