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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2018**

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 with one addition under New Business, Item F Supplemental Appropriation for Tree Removal. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the October 3 Meeting Minutes. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence:

Thatchbed Island

The Selectmen discussed Harbor Commission's plan on restoration of Thatchbed Island. There was further discussion that if the island is restored, who would own that land.

Town of Essex Calendar for 2019-2020 Budget Meetings

Finance Director, Kelly Sterner, presented to the Board of Selectmen budget meeting date recommendations for the 2019 – 2020 Budget Meetings.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Committee: There was discussion that the Town Hall stairway project would need a general contractor to assist the Town with a design and to work on coordinating this project. There was further discussion on whether to disband the existing building committee. Mr. Glowac would like a meeting with the existing building committee to discuss the disbanding of the group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions None

Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance This item was tabled until the next meeting.

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Sinking Fund Request – Essex Fire Department Tower #1 Proposed Upgrades and Refurbishment

Members of the Essex Fire Department presented to the Board of Selectmen an upgrade proposal for Truck 671, a 1994 Sutphen SP100 Arial Platform which was purchased, repainted and upgraded in 2009. The truck is 24 years old. The service life of a piece of equipment is typically 20 years and this equipment is 24 years of age. The Selectmen felt the quote for the upgrades was more than reasonable.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$165,000.00 for the upgrades and refurbishment of the Tower #1 Fire Apparatus. Said sum to be taken from the Fire Department Sinking Fund. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Essex Fire Engine Company, No. 1 – Proposed 10 Year Capital Expenditures Plan

Chief Aron Schumacher presented to the Board of Selectmen a proposed ten (10) year capital expenditures plan. Some items on the proposed plan are an acquisition of a fire boat, upgrades to radios, new self-contained breathing firefighter (SCBA) equipment, and upgrades to the Ivoryton Fire House. The selectmen thanked the Fire Department for the proposals and requested that the fire department submit to the Selectmen a table or a chart with estimates and/or numbers for the proposals.

Schedule Public Hearing: None

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 4:45 pm in Conference Room A. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Supplemental Appropriation – Tree Removal

Due to the gypsy moth devastation to trees and drought, there are several large dead Town trees that are unsafe and must be removed.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance a supplemental appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00 to the Highway Department Grounds Maintenance & Repair budget for tree removal. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment / Announcements: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Investigation of Parking Expansion in Ivoryton

The Selectmen received a memo from the Planning Commission with parking expansion proposals for Ivoryton. The commission is seeking a solution or improvements to parking availability. The Selectmen thanked the Planning Commission for their suggestions and they will visit the Ivoryton area to determine whether some of the ideas mentioned in the memo are feasible. The Town currently does not have any plan for parking improvements in Ivoryton, but they are investigating options.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli