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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2012**

Present: Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman
Stacia R. Libby, Selectman
Joel B. Marzi, Selectman

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda with one addition, to add the Budget Workshop January 18th Minutes for approval. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to approve the January 18, 2012 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes with the following corrections. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Page 1-2 - Elections. Remove fourth sentence beginning with "The registrars stated..."

Page 3 - Building & Fire Marshal. Third paragraph, third sentence should read: "Mr. Needleman stated that he has already asked Mr. . . ."

Page 3 – Highway. First paragraph, first sentence remove "with two lanes makes approximately 88 miles of road."

Page 4—Legal Services. Second sentence replace the word "at" with "of".

Page 6—Public Comments. Fifth Paragraph, third sentence replace the word "form" with "from".

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the January 25, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

Public Announcements: None

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

JWMS Solar Project

Mr. Needleman read into the record a memo from Frank Hall. (See attached).

Weekly Message Request

Mr. Needleman reported that he received a suggestion regarding implementing an 800 number for people to call for Town information. Mr. Needleman reported that he is working on a newsletter that would be up and running soon that would get the Town information out and he also reported on an email list that he was putting together through a system called Constant Contact. More information on the newsletter and e-mail distribution list will be in the next issue of Essex Events.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Management Improvements

Mr. Needleman reported that he believes that Phase 3 is just about ready to present to the public. There was discussion on the proposal for a portable generator on wheels that could also double as a light. The Board of Selectmen felt this option made better sense and could be used in any type of emergency situation. There was also an estimate for the electrical lighting installation. Mr. Needleman also reported on the importance of the security cameras being installed on the Town Hall Building, which would keep the building secure during an emergency. The total for Phase 3 is \$79,671.58. The Board of Selectmen agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution – Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

The Selectmen discussed the Resolution regarding the Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. This is a desire of the State to move toward more regionalization. The Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials should vote to become a Council of Government (COG) rather than have the State impose a regionalization plan for the member towns that may not suit their best interests.

Mr. Needleman stated that he was going to table the proposed Resolution until the Board of Selectmen has a better understanding.

Job Description

The Landfill/Recycling Supervisor job description was presented to the Selectmen for their review and for their approval at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. The Landfill Supervisor will now report to the Public Works Director, and reference to the former Septic Lagoons will be removed from the job description.

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Appointments and Resignations Boards and Commissions

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to accept the resignation of Jack Lima as alternate of the Park and Recreation Commission. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to appoint Susan Malan as a regular member of the Tree Committee. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Needleman reported on a memo he received from the Assessor, Jessica Sypher on the summary figures for the October 1, 2011 Grand List as compared to last year. (See attached).

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:27 p.m. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli

Maria Lucarelli

From: Norm Needleman
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2012 1:49 PM
To: Maria Lucarelli (mlucarelli@EssexCT.gov)
Subject: FW: JWMS Solar Project

Can we add this to informational items for the selectman's meeting.
thanks

From: Frank Hall [<mailto:fhall02@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2012 12:13 PM
To: Norm Needleman
Subject: JWMS Solar Project

I want to share with you the success of the Solar Project at JWMS. This below noted info was provided by Bruce Glowac.

Dear Solar Committee Member:

We have now been living with our new Photovoltaic system @ JW for 6 months and I am happy to say that everything seems to be working perfectly. To date we have generated approximately 45 thousand watt hours of power for JW and on several occasion we have actually sold power back to CL&P. As you may recall our original estimate for the cost of this project was \$925,010 with expectations that it would pay for itself in about 12 years. I am happy to report that the final project costs total is \$596,487. With the reduced project costs It appears that this project will now pay for itself in about 5 years after which savings will directly offset electricity costs for Region #4 Schools and our Communities. Besides the environmental benefits of this system, it is a huge financial success for our citizens and Towns.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: NORMAN NEEDLEMAN, FIRST SELECTMAN
STACIA LIBBY, SELECTMAN
JOEL MARZI, SELECTMAN
JAMES FRANCIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

FROM: JESSICA SYPHER, CCMAIL, ASSESSOR

SUBJECT: GRAND LIST COMPARISON

DATE: 2/1/2012

CC: ROBERT DIXON, TREASURER
KELLY STERNER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Attached you will find summary figures for the October 1, 2011 Grand List as compared to last year.

The manufacturing exemptions listed under Personal Property and the Commercial Vehicle exemptions listed under Motor Vehicle are no longer reimbursed by the state.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Grand List Comparison Previous to Current

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	(+) OR (-)
GRAND LIST REAL ESTATE	1,076,478,120	1,078,147,120	1,669,000
EXEMPTIONS	46,065,850	46,268,050	202,200
NET	1,030,412,270	1,031,879,070	1,466,800
GROSS PERSONAL	38,429,151	38,498,681	69,530
**EXEMPTIONS	8,291,280	9,530,450	1,239,170
NET PERSONAL	30,137,871	28,968,231	(1,169,640)
GRAND LIST MOTOR VEHICLE	58,260,255	63,377,535	5,117,280
**EXEMPTIONS	2,021,520	3,945,200	1,923,680
NET MOTOR VEHICLE	56,238,735	59,432,335	3,193,600
GROSS TOTAL	1,173,167,526	1,180,023,336	6,855,810
EXEMPTIONS	56,378,650	59,743,700	3,365,050
NET TOTAL	1,116,788,876	1,120,279,636	3,490,760
TOTAL GROSS CHANGE	0.58%	6,855,810	
TOTAL NET CHANGE	0.31%	3,490,760	
Real Estate % of change	0.14%		
Personal Property	-3.88%		
Motor Vehicle	5.68%		