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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 2, 2012**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Communications and Correspondence:** None

**Public Announcements:** None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Proclamation – May 3<sup>rd</sup> National Day of Prayer**

Mr. Needleman read into the record the Official Statement from Dannel P. Malloy, that Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the National Day of Prayer in the State of Connecticut. Official Statement attached.

**Citizens Campaign for the Environment**

Mr. Needleman reported that the Citizens Campaign for the Environment canvass will be from May to August between 4 pm – 8:30 pm. Mr. Needleman suggested that anyone not wishing to participate could post their property with a Do Not Trespass sign.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

Mr. Needleman reported on the attached collection totals. The dates of operation may be found on the Town web site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Resubdivision Rosewood Lane**

Mr. Needleman tabled this item to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Sinking Fund Ordinance Change / Addition**

Mr. Needleman reported ways to redefine the Tree Committee sinking fund. The current procedure is that money needs to be voted on at a Board of Selectmen's meeting, then to a town meeting for approval.

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There was discussion on when funding comes from outside sources it is considered a Special Revenue Fund. Special revenue funds are not required to go to a town meeting for approval.

Mr. Marzi clarified that the Tree Committee is funded with donations and a town budget of \$1,200. If a single purchase is in excess of \$20,000 it requires a town meeting for approval.

### **Retirement**

Mr. Needleman reported his proposed change in the threshold for hours of credited service needed in order to participate in the town retirement plan. Full time needs to be defined as 1500 hours. There was also discussion on looking into changing from a defined benefit to a defined contribution pension plan and the process of transitioning existing employees from defined benefit to defined contribution is complicated. Mr. Needleman requested the Retirement Committee officially review and come up with ways to implement these changes. These changes would not affect existing employees.

**Motion** was made by Joel Marzi to recommend to the Retirement Committee:

1. Change on Page 5 in the Town of Essex Retirement Plan both Sections 1.23 & 1.24 from one thousand hours (1,000) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours.
2. Research changing the plan from a defined benefit to a defined contribution.

Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

### **Neighborhood Assistance Act - The Company of Fifers and Drummers**

Norman Needleman reported that the Company of Fifers and Drummers has submitted an application under the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. The Neighborhood Assistance Act is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses that make cash contributions to these entities. The application process requires a public hearing, which was conducted earlier this evening and approval by the governing body of the municipality.

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Neighborhood Assistance Act application for the Company of Fifers and Drummers. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Schedule Referendum or Town Meeting for Budget**

Norman Needleman reported that the Annual Budget Town Meeting will be Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. The library will have a special program for kids so that both parents can attend.

### **Traffic Authority**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to enter Traffic Authority. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

#### **Traffic Calming Program – Traffic Options Promoting Public Safety (T.O.P.P.S.)**

Mr. Needleman reported that a new sub-committee was being formed and Stacia Libby will be the representative for the Board of Selectmen.

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**Motion** was made by Norman Needleman to exit Traffic Authority. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

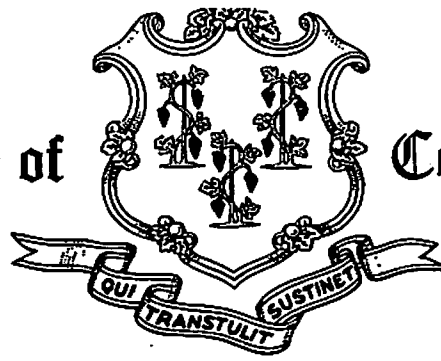
**SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Needleman discussed capital improvements and bonds. He would like to appoint a subcommittee to look into a capital improvement plan with the possibility of bonding the school roof and other major capital projects. This will be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**Motion** was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria P. Lucarelli

State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

# Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, this year's annual observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on May 3, 2012; and

*W*HEREAS, a joint resolution of the United States Congress in 1952 established an annual day for prayer and was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

*W*HEREAS, the declaration was amended in 1988, by both houses of Congress and President Ronald Reagan, setting a permanent date for the National Day of Prayer to be observed on the first Thursday of the month of May each year; and

*W*HEREAS, it is fitting that we should give thanks for the freedom and prosperity enjoyed by this State and our Nation and ask for continued guidance and comfort, which has been graciously bestowed upon this Nation since its inception; and

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 3, 2012, as the

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

in the State of Connecticut.





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(518) 772-1862  
□ 733 Delaware Road, Box 140 • Buffalo, New York 14223  
(716) 831-3206  
□ 466 Westcott Street, 2nd Floor • Syracuse, New York 13210  
(315) 472-1339  
□ 2404 Whitney Avenue, 2nd Floor • Hamden, Connecticut 06518  
(203) 821-7050

April 24, 2012

Honorable Phil Miller  
First Selectman  
Essex, CT 06426

Dear Sir:

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) was founded in 1985 as a non-profit organization by private citizens concerned with the preservation of our land, air and water resources. To advance these goals, CCE engages in research, lobbying and public education on key environmental issues. We now represent a membership base of over eighty-five thousand individuals statewide.

It is imperative to the success of the organization that we engage in annual canvassing operations, home to home, throughout Connecticut. The campaign disseminates fact sheets, conducts a membership drive, petitions and does fundraising. We have found the time between 4-9 pm, Monday through Friday, to be the only productive hours in terms of finding voting age adults at home. The bulk of the canvassing takes place between 4 and 8:30, with organizers wrapping up, collecting letters, and following up with contacts that have invited them back from 8:30 to 9. Each of our canvassers will be carrying photo I.D. cards. We believe that our members look forward to hearing from us annually, as well as the important issues on which we are working. 7:30

Since CCE is a registered charitable organization, the Supreme Court has ruled that registration with the local officials is not mandatory. As a good faith effort, we will fax a list of names of all of our representatives that will be in the area for that particular day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

We anticipate working in your area during the months of May through August. I am including a copy of our registration with the State Office of Charities. Please respond in writing to our Hamden office upon review of these materials. Thank you for your time and your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kristen M. Pellizzari  
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Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
2404 Whitney Ave, 2nd Floor  
Hamden, CT 06518  
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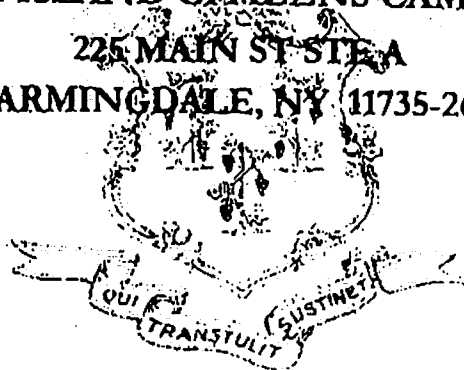
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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
165 Capitol Avenue ♦ Hartford Connecticut 06106

Attached is your Certificate of Charitable Organization Registration. Questions regarding this registration can be directed to Public Charities at (860) 713-6170 or email [ctcharityhelp@ct.gov](mailto:ctcharityhelp@ct.gov). Registration information including forms and online registration verification can be obtained at [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp).

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Registration #: CHR.0005102

Expiration: 05/31/2012

Federal Employer ID Number: 11-2717326

  
William M. Rubenstein, Commissioner

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Totals  
Participating Towns  
Estuary Region

**Clinton Satellite Collection, Clinton, Ct  
April 21, 2012**

<b>TOWN</b>	<b># Households</b>	<b>\$40.00/HH</b>
Chester	0	\$ -
Clinton	105	\$ 4,200
Deep River	1	\$ 40
Essex	0	\$ -
Haddam	8	\$ 320
Killingworth	7	\$ 280
Lyme	4	\$ 160
Old Lyme	9	\$ 360
Old Saybrook	3	\$ 120
Westbrook	3	\$ 120
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>\$ 5,600</b>