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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 3, 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 Joel Marzi to approve the Agenda. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** was made by Joel Marzi to approve the September 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Communications and Correspondence:**

Community Renewal Team

This organization helps Essex residents fund the administrative side of Energy Assistance. Mr. Needleman stated that this agency has been very helpful.

**Public Announcements:** Walter Schieferdecker reported that the silent policeman at the top of Main Street is surrounded with flowers. The flowers have grown over the "Go Right" sign. Mr. Needleman stated that he would communicate this to the gardeners.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Household Hazardous Waste

The September 22nd collection had 16 Essex households participate.

2012 Annual Report - Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented to the Board of Finance for the Annual Report. This is subject to change depending on the audit, to be completed by the middle of October. The two significant costs were the Emergency Management Office relocation and Police Department.

Web Site

Stacia Libby reported the web site committee is down to the three finalists.

Capital Committee

Joel Marzi stated that he had nothing to report.

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

Stacia Libby reported that the TOPPS committee has started looking into ways to improve speeding and traffic issues on Grove Street, West Avenue and North Main Street.

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#### Northeast Utilities and AT&T – Pole removal proposal

Mr. Needleman reported that a plan was drawn up for the possible relocation of the current CL&P pole in the center of Grove Street to a safer location.

#### Elderly Tax Relief

The committee was formed to create a policy and procedures that could provide tax deferrals for the elderly. It would freeze taxes until the house was sold, as well as a lien to be applied on the property. This will be written as a new ordinance with no cap. Once the committee finalizes the terms, the Town Attorney will review. The plan is to have this in place by January 1st.

#### Traffic Authority - Hilltop

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

#### Hilltop

Mr. Needleman recommended that since homeowners are using Hilltop Avenue that the Traffic Authority should approve the name to be changed to Hilltop Avenue. Town Clerk Frances Nolin requested the Town Attorney submit an affidavit to indicate the change.

**Motion** was made by Joel Marzi to change the name to Hilltop Avenue. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

#### Earl Street / Earl Street Extension

House number range from 2 – 18 on Earl Street and from 2 – 15 on Earl Street Extension. There was discussion of changing the two roads into one name. Mr. Needleman stated that this would need to be researched.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Resubdivision Rosewood Lane

Mr. Needleman presented the Grant of Easement for Lot #25 that would allow a driveway and stated that the property terrain did not allow for any other access.

**Motion** was made by Joel Marzi to accept the easement. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, and Stacia Libby abstained. Motion carried.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Ordinances**

Town Clerk Frances Nolin presented the Selectmen with the following ordinances that need to be repealed or amended.

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to Repeal the following Ordinances. Joel Marzi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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| Licensing of Trailer Parks & Mobile Homes | #56-01 |
| Subdivision Regulations                   | #60-5  |
| Trailer Coaches                           | #62-04 |

Zoning Chairman,. Alvin Wolfgram, recommended that the Town keep The Ordinance titled “Fees for Processing Land Use Application Ordinance #02-02”. The Selectmen agreed to no changes at this time.

### **Set Town Meeting**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 4:45 pm. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

## **SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

### **Connecticut Recovery Resources Authority (CRRA)**

The Selectmen have come to an agreement with CRRA and is being reviewed by the Town Attorney.

**Motion** was made by Norman Needleman to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria P. Lucarelli