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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 2012**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda with one addition under New Business, DEEP Resolution for the Pumpout Boat. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the December 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

Public Announcements:

Walter Schieferdecker inquired about the \$255,545.28 CRRA check that the Town had received earlier in December. Mr. Needleman stated there are no plans for the funds.

Mr. Schieferdecker stated that last year he was impressed with the budget workshops and hearings. He was impressed by the professionalism and by the way it was done. Mr. Schieferdecker wanted to know what instructions or guidance was given this year to the different departments and agencies. Mr. Needleman stated that he has made everyone aware that his goal is to have a zero percent increase and his goal is to deliver the best services that everyone expects.

Mr. John Ackerman inquired about the article regarding the teacher's salary increases and how that was going to impact everyone. There was discussion on the article in the newspaper regarding the teacher's salary increases and the Average Daily Membership (ADM) costs which has to do with the enrollment at the elementary school, which is going to be an additional \$180,000. The Selectmen stated that they are aware of the concerns of the Essex residents.

Mr. Ackerman inquired about State's Municipal Aid cuts. Mr. Needleman stated that the State does not give the Town of Essex a lot to begin with and the cuts would not make much difference to Essex.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Capital Committee

Joel Marzi stated that he is working on a list. The committee is recognizing capital needs of the Town. They are also looking at the numbers of students that will be attending the schools in the next several years. Some road work will need to be done and there are several bridges in terrible shape.

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

Stacia stated that TOPPS did not meet this week. Nothing new to report.

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Traffic Authority

Earl Street / Earl Street Extension

Mr. Needleman stated there was nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sanitary Waste Commission Fee Collection

Mr. Needleman tabled this for the next Selectmen's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the resignation of Mary Ann Pleva from the Conservation Commission. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the resignation of Susan Malan from the Conservation Commission. Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried

Foxboro Subdivision Map

Motion was made by Joel Marzi to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Foxboro Point subdivision map and to sign the acceptance of the three easements shown on the subdivision map and to accept the Fee in Lieu of additional open space for deposit in the Open Space Sinking Fund Account. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Resolution

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the Resolution (see attached). Joel Marzi seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION: None

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli