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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2021**

Present: Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman
Stacia R. Libby, Selectman
Bruce M. Glowac, Selectman

Bruce Glowac called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

First Selectman Needleman welcomed everyone to the Board of Selectmen remote public access meeting. This meeting was made available to the public via Zoom Meeting.

In attendance: First Selectman Norman M. Needleman, Selectman Stacia R. Libby, Selectman Bruce R. Glowac

Others in attendance: Kelly Sterner, Elizabeth Reinhart, and Tracey Celentano.

First Selectman Needleman announced that audio attendees will be muted during the meeting except during public comment. Attendees were asked to please identify themselves for the record prior to making any comments.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the Agenda. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve the January 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance Providing For Fines For Violation Of Wetlands Regulations

A request was made by the Inland Wetlands Commission to amend the wetlands ordinance to include **Sec. 7-146. Clearing of waterways assessment of cost**, and fining violators up to \$1,000 for a violation without having to go to Superior Court, (**Sec. 22a-42g. Municipal fine for violation of wetlands regulations**). This CGS allows Towns to enact ordinances that allow a Town to perform emergency remedial measures to correct time sensitive violations and then bill the property owner.

Mr. Needleman would like to table this until the first meeting in March and would like to have this ordinance under Old Business until then to continue the discussion. Mr. Needleman stated that he and the Selectmen will do everything they can to help the commission members.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to table the Proposed Ordinance Providing For Fines For Violation Of Wetlands Regulations. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried. (Copy of proposed Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

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NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

The Housing Authority position is a First Selectman appointment. Norman Needleman appointed Barbara Rutigliano.

The Selectmen discussed there are still two vacancies on the Park and Recreation Commission, one vacancy on the Economic Development Commission, and one vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Stacy Abbott from her position of leadership of the Sustainable Essex Committee with thanks and gratitude for her service.

Supplemental Appropriations

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the 2020/21 Budget year fye special/supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$195,000.00 to be distributed according to the following chart. Bruce Glowac seconded the Motion. All in favor.

FYE Supplemental Appropriations

Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2021

	<u>Amount</u>
Bridge/Infrastructure sinking fund	50,000.00
Ambulance sinking fund	10,000.00
Police Vehicle Sinking Fund	35,000.00
Fire Department Sinking Fund	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Supplemental Appropriations	<u>\$ 195,000.00</u>

It was mentioned that one of the police vehicles is experiencing major electrical issues and has been in the shop several times for repairs.

Essex Place – Women’s Institute Realty of CT

There was discussion that Essex Elderly and Affordable Housing, Inc., wishes to dissolve their partnership with Women’s Institute Realty of Connecticut, Inc. for Essex Place Centerbrook, LLC. Since the Town is the leaseholder of the land for Essex Place, there was discussion as to how this would involve the Town and which documents the Town’s First Selectman may need to sign. The Operating Agreement was sent to the Town’s Attorney David Royston for his review.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to recommend and approve that the First Selectman sign any documents regarding the dissolution of the partnership if they are attorney approved. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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Resolution – Firearms

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Firearms Resolution (see attached). Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Schedule Public Hearing None

Set Town Meeting None

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to enter Traffic Authority. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Crosswalk Request – Prospect Street to North Main Street

There was discussion of the Town looking into installing a sidewalk at the end of Prospect Street and going across to North Main Street. The Selectmen agreed to each visit the location in the next couple of weeks to determine the logistics of the installation of a sidewalk at this location. The Selectmen also suggested that the Public Works Director Ryan Welch and Resident State Trooper Mark Roberts also visit the site and get back to the Selectmen with their opinion and/or suggestions of this proposed sidewalk installation.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to table this until the next Selectmen meeting. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to exit Traffic Authority. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor

Public Comment: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli



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RESOLUTION

I, Joel Marzi Town Clerk of the Town of Essex, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted at the Regular Monthly Meeting held on October 21, 2020:

The Board of Selectmen approve and recommend:

Pursuant to the powers of the Board of Selectmen under CGS Section 7-148 and CGS Section 7-12, we hereby adopt the following resolution limited to the Town Hall property at 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT, including the Town Hall.

Firearms as defined under CGS Section 53a-3(19), whether or not requiring a Permit under Connecticut law, are prohibited from Town Hall property except for the following:

1. Law enforcement officers including Town of Essex constables in performance of their duties.
2. A legally possessed firearm which is legally carried in a motor vehicle onto Town Hall property during regular hours and is properly parked.

This prohibition of firearms on Town Hall property will become effective upon publication in the following manner:

1. Posting of the full text of this Resolution on the Town Website.
2. Posting of a type-written copy of this Resolution at each public entry to the Town Hall in a reasonably conspicuous location.

The First Selectman or his designee shall be responsible for such postings within 48 hours of the adoption of this Resolution.

The First Selectman or his designee shall be responsible for advising the Registrars of the adoption of this Resolution and providing them with a copy of this Resolution within 48 hours of its adoption.

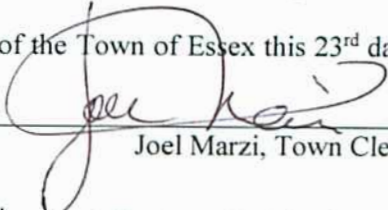
The Board of Selectmen may, but shall not be required to, post signs at other appropriate locations stating substantially as follows:

“No firearms on Town Hall property per Board of Selectmen Resolution 10/21/2020”

The size, text, number and location of such signs shall be established by the First Selectman or his designee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Essex this 23rd day of October 2020.

(S.F. 31)


Joel Marzi, Town Clerk

