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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 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, Aron Schumacher, 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 February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

With landfill costs rising it is more important than ever to do what we can to recycle and keep what we can out of the garbage. The Essex Transfer Station will now provide the following recycling services FREE to Essex residents.

- SMOKE DETECTOR RECYCLING! Start recycling NOW!
- PROPANE TANK RECYCLING! Very soon!
- FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING! Available mid-March!

The Selectmen discussed a couple of new initiatives at the transfer station that are anticipated to start in March. The transfer station will now start collecting food waste to compost. Items such as meat, bones, shellfish & seafood, eggshells, fruits and vegetable scraps, breads and cereals, ground coffee and tea bags, etc. Blue Earth will be providing a bin for the food waste. There will also be a collection bin for old smoke detectors which are slightly radioactive and contain a little bit of uranium and mercury and a propane tank collection bin. The Town also collects old batteries.

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The Selectmen reported they just completed their first public budget meeting at 5 pm this evening. The Town is still waiting for the final education budget numbers.

The Selectmen decided there was no need to meet for the scheduled March 3 and March 17th Budget Meetings. Any budget information will be discussed at the 5 pm March 3rd or the 7 pm March 17th Board of Selectmen meeting.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointment** that will go to a Town Meeting on March 3:

Economic Development Commission

Susan Malan

Schedule Public Hearing None

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 4:55 pm. 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 7:53 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli