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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2021**

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

Bruce Glowac called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Tracey Celentano, Christopher Diakopoulos, and Elizabeth Reinhart.

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 Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Mr. Needleman reported the Town has received approval to finish the Centerbrook project, that includes finishing the sidewalk on the east side of the railroad tracks, to the north side of route 154 to connect the Town sidewalks together.

The Essex Police Union has donated funds to create a patio on Sunset Pond. The Town is donating time and man hours to assist with the project. There was discussion the road leading into Sunset Pond could use some millings to fill in the potholes. Mr. Needleman suggested public works throw in some millings on the road to the rear of Sunset Pond.

The Town had an inquiry from Netflix about doing a movie scene in Essex. They are working with the Griswold Inn, Ryan Welch, Officer Paul Kenefick, and Mary Ellen Barnes.

The Region 4 budget passed.

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Mr. Needleman reminded everyone that the Annual Town Budget Meeting and vote is this Monday night, May 10th at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. The Town is hopeful the meeting will predominantly take place in person but will also allow for zoom voting.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to accept the resignation of Jacob Wlochowski from the Conservation Commission with gratitude for his service. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to recommend the following Board of Selectmen appointments that will go to a Town Meeting. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Commission

David Rosengren (Alternate Member)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Susan Feaster (Alternate Member)

Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointments** that will go to a Town Meeting:

Inland Wetlands Commission

Michael Furgueson (Regular Member)

The following are current board and commission openings:

- Conservation Commission – Alternate Member
- Inland Wetlands Commission – Alternate Member
- Economic Development Commission – Regular Member
- Park and Recreation Commission – 2 Alternate Members
- Tree Committee – Regular Member

2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

There was discussion that the Town will be submitting an application for a CDBG Grant for Essex Court. A public hearing will be scheduled. Additional information will be presented at upcoming selectmen meetings.

Schedule Public Hearing

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 4:45 pm in Conference Room A. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to set a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:55 pm in Conference Room A. 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 5:16 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria P. Lucarelli