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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 2, 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 in person and 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, and Christopher Diakopoulos.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Agenda with two additions under New Business: Item 7E Neighborhood Assistance Act and 7F Sinking Fund Request. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence**

Mr. Needleman reported that the permit from the Department of Transportation for finishing the main street project in Centerbrook is forthcoming.

The Netflix filming this weekend in downtown Essex went well. Thanks to public works and police for all the coverage.

On July 1, 2021, Peddler and Solicitor licenses will be allowed and licenses can be issued.

**Public Announcements / Comment:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions**

The following are current board and commission openings:

- Conservation Commission – Alternate Member
- Economic Development Commission – Regular Member

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- Park and Recreation Commission – 2 Alternate Members
- Tree Committee – Regular Member

**2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Fair Housing Resolution (copy attached). Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to approve the Certified Resolution of Applicant Small Cities Program (copy attached). Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Schedule Public Hearing**

**Motion** was made by Stacia Libby to set a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:50 pm in Conference Room A. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Set Town Meeting**

**Motion** was made by Bruce Glowac to Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:55 pm in Conference Room A. Stacia Libby seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Neighborhood Assistance Act**

Bruce Glowac reported that they received an application under the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program. The Neighborhood Assistance Act is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax-exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses that make cash contributions to these entities. The application process requires a public hearing and approval by the governing body of the municipality.

**Motion** was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Neighborhood Assistance Act applications. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Bruce Glowac reported that all Neighborhood Assistance Act applications that are submitted require that the Town hold a Public Hearing.

**Police Cruiser Sinking Fund Request**

**Motion** was made by Norman Needleman to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the purchase of a new police vehicle and all necessary equipment. Said sum to be taken from the Police Cruiser Sinking Fund. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**Job Opportunities**

There is one open position for a Part Time Custodian.

**Essex Fire Company #1**

The fire department had their elections and Andrew Kressley is the new Fire Chief. The Selectmen recognized and thanked Aron Schumacher for all his hard work and his time as the past Fire Chief.

**New Fire Boat**

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The Town has a new fire boat. The Selectmen expressed an interest in possibly getting a ride on the new boat.

**American Rescue Plan Act**

There was discussion of the possibilities and ways to use the funds when they are made available. Loans or grant money could go to small businesses and local non-profits, such as the Connecticut River Museum, the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat, or the Ivoryton Playhouse, who are struggling and have not been assisted with other grants or loans. The guidelines for the funds are still being determined. There was discussion of the possibility of using funds for a new ambulance, or air packs, or a new safety vehicle.

**Motion** was made by Bruce Glowac to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Norman Needleman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria P. Lucarelli



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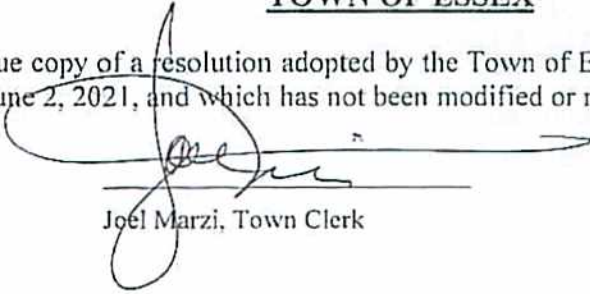
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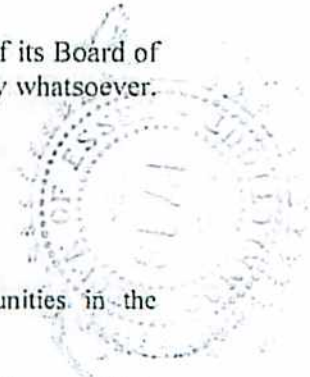
## FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TOWN OF ESSEX

Certified is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Essex at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen on June 2, 2021, and which has not been modified or rescinded in any way whatsoever.

(SEAL)

  
Joel Marzi, Town Clerk

6/3/21  
Date



Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, gender identity or expression, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of Essex is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Town of Essex hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the First Selectman of the Town of Essex or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Essex and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.







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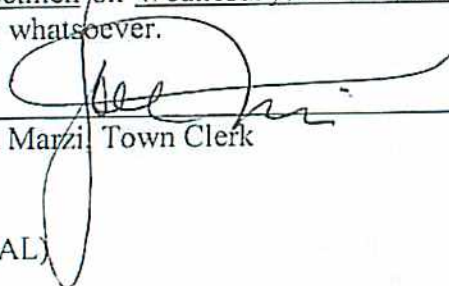
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### CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Essex at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

  
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Joel Marzi, Town Clerk

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(SEAL)

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Essex make application to the State for up to \$1,500,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Essex in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman of the Town of Essex is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Essex.

