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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2020**

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

Norman Needleman called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

The Board of Selectmen and attendees went around the room and announced themselves.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Stacia Libby to approve the October 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

Informational Items, Communications and Correspondence

Norman Needleman reported the Board of Finance did not vote to approve some of the recommended special/ supplemental appropriations the Board of Selectmen made at their October 7th meeting. Mr. Needleman believes the items that were not approved by the Board of Finance will be revisited in January and hopefully moved to a Town Meeting for approval.

Public Announcements / Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments and Resignations Board and Commissions

The First Selectman appointed John Planas as the Local Open Burning Official for 1 (one) year. The new expiration date is January 31, 2022.

The First Selectmen accepted the resignation of Ellen Whaley-Wexler from the Retirement Board with gratitude for her service.

Norman Needleman reported the following **First Selectman appointment** that will fill an unexpired term until December 2021 that will go to a Special Town Meeting on November 4.

Inland Wetland Commission

David Kirsch (alternate)

Resolution – Firearms

Mr. Needleman reported he has had several meetings with the Registrars in preparation for the upcoming election. There are concerns about firearms on Town Hall property and it is felt that since schools are weapon free zones, municipal buildings should also be weapon free. A Firearms Resolution was drafted by the Town Attorney.

There was discussion on whether this resolution would be in perpetuity or whether it would terminate at some point. Attorney Royston stated the current resolution could be superseded by another ordinance or resolution, or the Selectmen could vote to terminate the resolution at one of their Board of Selectmen meetings. Attorney Royston further stated that the resolution can be amended at any time. The resolution is basically giving the Town of Essex the right to put up a no firearms sign on Town Hall property. Attorney David Royston stated the firearms concern is a real one and all the Town is asking is that no firearms be allowed on Town Hall Property.

The Selectmen agreed that out of an abundance of caution and with the advice from the Town attorney, to pass this resolution. Mr. Glowac suggested this resolution be revisited in January to allow public comment.

Motion was made by Bruce Glowac to approve the Firearms Resolution (see attached) until January 31, 2021. This Resolution will be revisited at the January Board of Selectmen meeting. Stacia Libby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to appoint the Town's Resident State Trooper Mark Roberts as his designee pertaining to the Firearms Resolution. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Public Hearing None

Set Town Meeting

Motion was made by Norman Needleman to set a Town Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Bruce Glowac seconded the motion. All in favor.

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TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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

Electric Vehicle Signage

There was discussion that the Sustainable CT group is designing three signs for the EV Charging Stations. Two will be reserved parking signs for each charging spot and one sign directing visitors to the location of the charging stations.

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 / Announcements: None

SELECTMEN GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was moved and seconded and unanimously adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria 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.

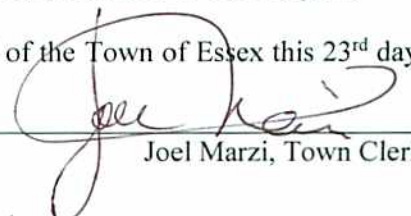
The Board of Selectmen may, but shall not be required to, post signs at other appropriate locations stating substantially as follows:

"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. 21)



Joel Marzi, Town Clerk

