

Town of Essex
Annual Town Meeting
November 20, 2023

First Selectman Norman Needleman called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Kelly Sterner was elected Moderator. Stacia Libby was not in attendance. Town Clerk, Joel Marzi, read the call of the meeting. There were approximately twenty-eight (28) people in attendance.

The following Resolutions were Read, Seconded and VOTED:

RESOLVED: To accept the Statement of Town Accounts, report of the Town Treasurer and the report of the Superintendent of Schools, as printed in the 2022-2023 Annual Town Report.

Second: James Francis **ALL IN FAVOR**

It was decided to consolidate the nominations of all appointments into a single vote rather than by individual approvals. This would be done after the call of each candidate followed by any discussion.

Second: Ethan Goller **ALL IN FAVOR**

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **James O'Brien** as a regular member to the Conservation Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of **James H. Vineburgh** as a regular member to the Economic Development Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2025.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of **Brian Weinstein** as a regular member to the Economic Development Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2025.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of **Peter Decker** as a regular member to the Economic Development Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2025.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Susan Malan** as a regular member to the Harbor Management Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **William Herlihy** as an alternate member to the Harbor Management Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of **Carolyn Field** as a regular member to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the First Selectman of **Ernest Cook** as a regular member to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Anthony Mosa** as a regular member to the Park and Recreation Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Brette Fitton** as a regular member to the Park and Recreation Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Daniel Needleman** as a regular member to the Park and Recreation Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Russell Smith** as a regular member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Peter Fleischer** as a regular member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Mark Reeves** as a regular member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Philip Schaller** as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **Susan Feaster** as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of **George Wendell** as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Term to run from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.

Second: James Francis

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLVED: To consent and approve an appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$150,000 from the Fire Department Sinking Fund to refurbish the 1994 Pierce Engine 652.

Second: DG Fitton

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLVED: To consent and approve an additional appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to cover the shortfall on a new ambulance.

Second: Terry Stewart

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLVED: To consent and approve an additional appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to the Public Works Department for additional tree work.

Second: DG Fitton

ALL IN FAVOR

Upon the motion of **Terry Stewart**, seconded by **Ethan Goller**, meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joel Marzi
Town Clerk