

Town of Essex  
Special Town Meeting  
January 5, 2022, Meeting Room A

First Selectman, Norman Needleman called the Town Meeting to order at 4:46 PM. Selectmen Libby and Glowac were in attendance via Zoom. Finance Director Tracey Celentano was also in attendance. Kelley Sterner was elected Moderator. The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting. There were approximately twenty two (22) people in attendance both in person and via Zoom.

RESOLVED: To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectman of Chris Riley as a regular member to the Essex Planning and Zoning Commission. Term to run from the date of this meeting to December 2024.

**SECONDED: Bruce Glowac**

**Yea 18**

**Nay 0**

RESOLVED: To consent and approve an appropriation in an amount of \$39,820 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for Tri Town Youth Services, a local non-profit organization, as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. Said funds to be used to fund a per diem clinician to expand and support youth mental health services during COVID. Funding is contingent on the full participation of the Towns of Deep River and Chester.

**SECONDED: Norman Needleman**

**Yea 17**

**Nay 0**

RESOLVED: To consent and approve an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$775,000 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purchase of a Heavy Rescue vehicle by Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1, as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. Vehicle design specifications support the safety protocol of the Town's first responders during COVID. If ARPA funds are subsequently deemed ineligible, an appropriation from the Fire Department sinking fund in the same amount will be utilized.

**SECONDED: Joshua Painter**

**Yea 18**

**Nay 0**

RESOLVED: To consent and approve an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purchase of a vehicle for the Essex Fire Marshall as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. The Fire Marshall provides critical emergency response which has expanded significantly during COVID. If ARPA funds are subsequently deemed ineligible, a special appropriation to the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget in the same amount will be used to provide funding.

**SECONDED: Doug Harreys**

**Yea 18**

**Nay 0**

**MOTION TO CLOSE: Norman Needleman**  
**All in favor**

**SECONDED: Paul Fazzino Jr.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Joel Marzi  
Town Clerk