



Town of Essex

Selectboard

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Regular Meeting AGENDA

Monday, January 29, 2024 – 6:30 PM
81 Main St., Essex Junction, VT 05452

This meeting will be in person and online. Available options to watch or join the meeting:

• **JOIN ONLINE:** [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 987 8569 1140; Passcode: 032060

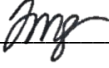
• **JOIN CALLING:** (*toll free audio only*): (888) 788-0099 | Meeting ID: 987 8569 1140; Passcode: 032060

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:30 PM
2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**
3. **APPROVE AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**
 - a. Comments from the public on items not on Agenda
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - a. Public hearing on Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Budget
 - b. Public hearing on Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and Five-Year Plan
6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - a. * Interviews and potential appointments of volunteers to serve on the Energy Committee: Geetha Ganesan, Mukesh Kumar
 - b. Presentation from Green Mountain Transit about fiscal year 2025 budget proposal
 - c. Presentation of fiscal year 2023 financial audit
 - d. Discussion and potential action on voter-backed petitions for Town Meeting ballot to include commercial tax stabilization agreements and staff salaries and benefits in annual report
 - e. Discussion about community gardens at 80 & 90 Upper Main St.
 - f. Discussion and potential action about Town Meeting ballot question regarding winter sidewalk maintenance
 - g. Consider approval of fiscal year 2025 municipal budget
 - h. Consider approval of fiscal year 2025 capital budget and five-year plan
 - i. Consider approval of warnings for the 2024 Town Meeting and Informational Hearing
 - j. Discussion and potential action regarding whether to approve the mailing of ballots to all active voters for Town Meeting 2024
 - k. Consider advertising for two open seats on Charter Review Committee
 - l. Discussion about funding of capital needs
 - m. Discussion about local option tax
 - n. Discussion and potential action about Town Meeting outreach for Selectboard members
 - o. **Discussion of pending or probable litigation
7. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - a. Approve minutes: January 8, 2024
 - b. Approve check warrants: #18184 - 01/05/24; # 18186 - 1/12/24; # 18187 - 01/18/24
 - c. Consider approval of 2024 Acceptance of Town Highways
 - d. Consider approval of Tri Town Agreement, Amendment #5
 - e. Consider approval of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application for the Center Road Forcemain Replacement Project
 - f. Consider approval of Selectboard Chair to sign petition to the Director of Property Valuation and Review to redetermine the 2023 Equalization Study Results
8. **READING FILE**
 - a. Board member comments
 - b. Upcoming meeting schedule
 - c. Resignation from Zoning Board of Adjustment - Tom Yandow
 - d. Email from Sharon Lovejoy re: Route 15 Traffic Safety
 - e. Email from Josephine Miller re: Selectboard - citizen to be heard (traffic pattern on Route 15)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. *An executive session may be requested to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee
- b. **An executive session is anticipated to discuss pending or probable litigation

Certification:  _____