



Town of Essex

Conservation & Trails Committee

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AGENDA

Tuesday, June 11, 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: 880 7499 5383 | Passcode: 802548](#)

• **JOIN CALLING:** (*toll free audio only*): (888) 788-0099 | Meeting ID: 862 6325 0094; Passcode: 544047

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1. AGENDA CHANGES AND APPROVAL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes from 5/14/24 meeting
- b. Update on Development Applications
- c. Action/Response to email from staff on Tree Nursery - Steve
- d. Action on Chuck Vile EMS Project proposal - Chuck
- e. Authorize a member to work jointly with the Energy Committee to advise the Planning Commission on Land Use Regulation updates
- f. Authorize a member to to prepare New Municipal Land purchase advisory Draft
- g. Authorize a member to review Town Tree Policy - Prepare draft amendments - especially those directing budget decisions
- h. Response to query about IB parking areas clear cut and potential action - Ken

4. UPDATES AND REPORTS

- a. Upcoming organizational meeting - Ken
- b. Pollinator garden - Betsy
- c. Tree City Costs spreadsheet and staff expenditure update - Shannon
- d. VT Urban Community Forest Program Tree Planting Grant Application for January - April
- e. Update on Open Land/Farm Contracts flier - Erin
- f. Update on attendance policy - Kent
- g. VT Urban Community Forest Program Tree Planting Grant Application for January - April
- h. Tree inventory update - Steve

5. READING FILE

- a. Committee Member Comments
- b. A message from the Selectboard Chair
- c. Making Nature Trails Accessible to Everyone - The Nature Conservancy
- d. Lyndon Hopes a New Bike Route Will Help the Town Tap Into the Popularity of Kingdom Trails - Seven Days
- e. In Cornwall, newly conserved grasslands are for the birds - VTDigger
- f. Family Forest Carbon Program - VTDigger
- g. Vermont Supreme Court to hear Tunbridge trails case - VTDigger
- h. U.S. Supreme Court to consider South Burlington land use case - Vermont Community Newspaper Group
- i. Essex awarded \$80k VOREC Grants to Boost Outdoor Recreation Across Vermont
- j. Governor Phil Scott Announces New Grants to Fund Transformational Tourism Initiatives