



Town of Essex

Conservation & Trails Committee

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AGENDA

Tuesday, August 13, 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](#)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:30 PM
2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**
3. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**
4. **POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2024
 - b. Development Review
60 Colonel Page Road
50 Gauthier Drive
21 Essex Way
53 Center Road
132 Thompson Drive
 - c. Update and Adopt Work Plan for FY25
 - d. Action on EMS Project proposal
 - e. Adopt Land purchase advisory draft
 - f. Potential action on Indian Brook parking area cleaning
 - g. Approve any Tree Nursery MOU significant changes
 - h. Act 171 next steps regarding protecting forest blocks and habitat connectors
5. **UPDATES AND REPORTS**
 - a. Report on Mathieu Town Forest trail relocation - Betsy/Duane
 - b. Report on Town Tree Policy - Ken, Steve and Morgan
 - c. Report on contact with the Energy Committee re: Land Use Regulations
 - d. VT Urban Community Forest Program Tree Planting Grant Application for January - April
 - e. Update on development landscaping regulations - Betsy
 - f. Tree City Costs spreadsheet and staff expenditure update - Shannon
 - g. Explore Essex
 - h. Keystone Trail Connectivity project update
 - i. Active Transportation Plan update
6. **READING FILE AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**
 - a. Planting some tree species may worsen, not improve, NYC air, says new study
 - b. Request for Proposals for Farm to Plate's 2024 Gathering is Live! _ VT Farm to Plate
 - c. Vermonters planting native gardens to help pollinators prosper - VTDigger
7. **ADJOURN**