



Town of Essex

Conservation & Trails Committee

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Agenda AGENDA

Tuesday, October 8, 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. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:30 PM
2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**
3. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approve minutes from 9/10/24 meeting
5. **POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Consider changing regular meeting time
 - b. Advise on Planning Commission development applications - Kent
 - c. Ratify changes to Tree Nursery MOU - Steve/Ken
 - d. Approve budget recommendations for tree removal planting etc. FY26 - Steve & Betsy
 - e. Approve recommended revisions to Committee mission/structure - Ken
 - f. Advise on VT Urban Community Forest Program Tree Planting grant application - April
 - g. Action on EMS Project proposal - Chuck/Betsy
 - h. Approve advisory to reinstate Trail Caretakers Program - Duane
6. **UPDATES AND REPORTS**
 - a. Report on Indian Brook Fall clean-up - Paul
 - b. Report on Explore Essex - Betsy
 - c. Indian Brook Forest Management Plan Execution meeting prep - Chuck Vile
 - d. Report on Mathieu Forest trail relocation - Betsy/Duane
 - e. Report on Sand Hill Park/Mathieu Forest trail issues - Duane
 - f. Riverside Boat Access
 - g. Prep for Committee meeting with Selectboard
 - h. VT Urban Community Forest Program Tree Planting grant application for January - April
 - i. Tree City Costs spreadsheet and staff expenditure update - Shannon/Kent
 - j. Act 171 outreach needs and suggestions - Kent, Morgan, Paul
 - k. Pollinator Garden at Indian Brook - Betsy
 - l. Indian Brook Trail Grant - Kent
 - m. Footpath Network Map in Town Plan - Kent/Paul
 - n. Update on Town Tree Policy - Steve and Morgan
 - o. Update on development landscaping zoning regulations - Betsy
7. **READING FILE AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**
 - a. Tree City Application information
 - b. Adaptive mountain bike trail
 - c. Plans for long-distance mountain bike route in Vermont 'Velomont' trail - VTDigger
 - d. Trail Coordinator Job Description Edits
 - e. Advisory on trail relocation in Mathieu Forest
 - f. Conservation Fund Application Submission
 - g. 2025 Work Plan
8. **ADJOURN**

