



Town of Essex

Selectboard

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Public Hearing AGENDA

Monday, March 3, 2025 – 7:30 PM

The Selectboard for the Town of Essex will hold a public informational hearing to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2025 Town Meeting Waring

Essex Middle School, 60 Founders Rd., Essex, VT



This meeting will be in person and online. The agenda is available in alternative formats upon request.

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

• **JOIN CALLING:** (toll free audio only): (888) 788-0099

• **WATCH:** Recorded meetings may be viewed on [Town Meeting TV](#) and [Town of Essex](#) Channels.

• **SCAN** the code on the left for the Zoom meeting link.

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:30 PM

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

3. APPROVE AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Review and discuss: **Article I: Shall the Town adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$16,365,963?**
- b. Review and discuss: **Article II: Shall the Town of Essex vote to appropriate an amount equal to 1% of the General Fund Budget, as passed by voters, to the Essex Human Services Contributions Fund to support social service organizations, such amount being reasonably necessary and for the support of programs to benefit Town of Essex residents?**
- c. Review and discuss: **Article III: Shall the Town of Essex increase the Capital Reserve Fund by adding two cents to the tax rate, in addition to the three cents previously authorized, for the purpose of financing capital projects and equipment?**
- d. Review and discuss: **Article IV: Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to provide a clearer description of the role of Town Moderator?**
- e. Review and discuss: **Article V: Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to change the timing of approval of Selectboard minutes?**
- f. Review and discuss: **Article VI: Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to change the appointments made by the Selectboard and the Town Manager?**
- g. Review and discuss: **Article VII: Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to require a mailed notice to residents regarding the availability of the Town Auditor's report and Annual Report?**
- h. Review and discuss: **Article VIII: Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to amend Subchapter 10: Department of Real Estate Appraisal?**
- i. Review and discuss: **Article IX: Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to remove the description of transacting business for Annual Meeting that is now voted on by Australian ballot?**
- j. Review and discuss: **Article X: Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter for de minimis changes that include wording, formatting and spelling?**
- k. Announcement: **Article XI: Election of the following: Moderator, 1 vacancy (1-year term); Selectboard, 2 vacancies (two 3-year terms); Champlain Water District Commissioner, 1 vacancy (3-year term)**

5. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

6. ADJOURN

Certification:  02/25/2025