



Town of Essex

Selectboard

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Public Hearing AGENDA

Monday, March 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Selectboard for the Town of Essex will hold a public informational hearing to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2026 Town Meeting Warrant

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](#)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 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, 2026 to June 30, 2027 as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$17,189,166?**
 - 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 voters of the Town of Essex advise the Selectboard to continue overall progress on implementing the new municipal complex at 80-90 Upper Main Street, for which the Selectboard adopted a conceptual Master Plan in March 2025? (Advisory)**
 - d. Review and discuss: **Article IV: Shall the voters of the Town of Essex advise the Selectboard to complete public infrastructure design as the first step toward potential construction at 80-90 Upper Main Street, which was purchased in 2023 to serve a new municipal complex, and for which the Selectboard adopted a conceptual Master Plan in March 2025, under the following conditions (Advisory):**
 1. Only the following funding sources are eligible to cover Town costs: capital funds, impact fees, \$500,000 in eligible grant funding and any other grant awards, donations, Reserve funds, approved fund balance assignments, and/or Local Option Tax revenue, should any local option taxes be approved by voters.
 2. Construction of any portion of the new municipal complex project shall not occur without future voter input.
 3. Costs for this infrastructure design phase of work, currently estimated at \$1.5 million, do not exceed \$2 million to come from the sources listed above.
 - e. Review and discuss: **Article V: Shall the voters approve setting the number of Essex Development Review Board members to five (5), in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 4460(f)?**
 - f. Announcement: **Article VI: Election of the following: Moderator, 1 vacancy (1-year term)**
Selectboard, 3 vacancies (two 3-year terms, one 1-year term)
5. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**
6. **ADJOURN**

Certification:  02/20/2026