



**TOWN OF ESSEX SELECTBOARD
INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

March 1, 2021: Online
Essex Junction, VT 05452
March 2: Essex High School
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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, **this meeting will be held remotely**. Available options to watch or join the meeting:

- The meeting will be live-streamed on [Town Meeting TV](#).
- **JOIN VIA ZOOM MEETING** <https://zoom.us/j/97967692674?pwd=T2VmK2cyb21SMUpQWUtlamVIRGJLZz09>
- or call (646) 558-8656 US (New York) , Meeting ID: 979 6769 2674, Passcode: 350432
- One tap mobile: +16465588656,,97967692674#,,,,*350432#
- **MODERATOR:** All instructions for conduct of the meeting will be guided by the Moderator.
- If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call (802) 878-1341 or email manager@essex.org.

Informational Hearing

Monday, March 1, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER** [7:30 PM]
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM**
4. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT** regarding different format for 2021 Town Annual Meeting
5. **PRESENTATION/BRIEF UPDATE FROM CONGRESSMAN PETER WELCH**
6. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE I:** Shall the Town adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$15,926,128? *(Residents will be given approximately 2 minutes each to speak.)*
7. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT ARTICLE II:** Shall the Town of Essex adopt the Plan of Merger of the Town of Essex, Vermont and Village of Essex Junction, Vermont dated January 11, 2020 and the proposed Charter for the merged municipalities? *(Residents will be given approximately 2 minutes each to speak.)*
8. **ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ARTICLE III:** Election of the following: Moderator, one vacancy (1-year term) Selectboard, two vacancies (one 3-year term and one 1-year term)
9. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**
10. **ADJOURN** to the following day, March 2, 2021, for the consideration of all articles to be voted on by Australian ballot.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

[7:00 AM]

The legal voters of the Town of Essex may vote on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM to vote by Australian.

Polling places are:

- ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL, 2 EDUCATIONAL DRIVE FOR ALL ESSEX RESIDENTS RESIDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
- ESSEX MIDDLE SCHOOL, 60 FOUNDERS ROAD FOR ALL ESSEX RESIDENTS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION

Mailed ballots and ballots dropped off at the Town offices must be received (not post-marked) no later than March 1, 2021. Ballots may be returned in person at the polling places on Tuesday, March 2.

Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the Public to Be Heard agenda item, during a Public Hearing, or, when recognized by the Chair, during consideration of a specific agenda item. The public will not be permitted to participate when a motion is being discussed except when specifically requested by the Chair. This agenda is available in alternative formats upon request. Meetings of the Selectboard, like all programs and activities of the Town of Essex, are accessible to people with disabilities. For information on accessibility or this agenda, call the Town Manager's office at 878-1341.

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Town of Essex Informational Hearing March 1, 2021 7:30 PM

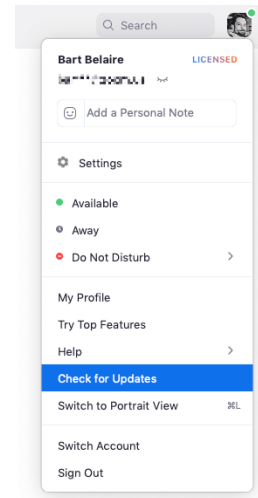
Tips for attending and participating

PREPARE BEFORE:

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If you already have Zoom, it is recommended that you check for updates. You can do this by clicking on your account and "Check for updates".

To watch videos on getting started with Zoom, how to raise your hand and how to operate the tools, you can find tutorials and ask questions at the [Zoom Help Center](#).



GENERAL REMINDERS DURING THE HEARING:

- No voting will take place during this meeting. All voting on budget and articles is by Australian ballot.
- Please mute the microphone on your computer and telephones when not speaking.
- Please introduce yourself before speaking.

HOW TO ASK A QUESTION OR MAKE A COMMENT:

Raise your hand

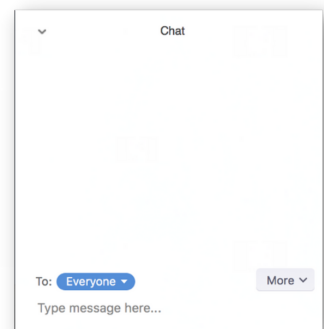
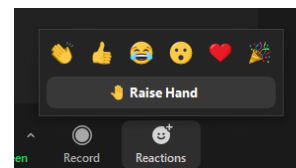
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Or

Type your first and last name in the Chat feature

The moderator will call on you to speak when it is your turn. You do not have to type your question in Chat. You will have the opportunity to speak to the audience.

The moderator will ask for comments/questions from those who did not raise their hands or request in Chat. You can then speak up to be heard.



CHAT

Please do not use the Chat feature for side comments and discussions. Comments made in Chat are not included in the minutes and can be a distraction for other participants. Please only use Chat when requesting to speak.