



TOWN OF ESSEX SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Online
Essex Junction, VT 05452
Thursday, March 25, 2021
6:30 PM

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- CALL TO ORDER [6:30 PM]
AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES
APPROVE AGENDA
PUBLIC TO BE HEARD
a. Comments from Public on Items Not on Agenda
BUSINESS ITEMS
a. Question and Answer session regarding April 13th vote for reconsideration on whether the Town of Essex shall adopt the Plan of Merger of the Town of Essex, Vermont and Village of Essex Junction, Vermont dated January 11, 2021 and the proposed Charter for the merged communities.
b. Consider approval of additional outreach regarding April 13th vote
ADJOURN

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Certification: [Signature] 3/19/2021

**Memorandum**

**To:** Selectboard; Evan Teich, Unified Manager

**From:** Greg Duggan, Deputy Manager

**Re:** Question and Answer session regarding April 13<sup>th</sup> vote for reconsideration on merger

**Date:** March 19, 2021

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**Issue**

The issue is for the Selectboard to have a public information and question and answer session about the Special Town Meeting vote on April 13 to reconsider whether the Town of Essex shall adopt the Plan of Merger of the Town of Essex, Vermont and Village of Essex Junction, Vermont dated January 11, 2021 and the proposed Charter for the merged communities.

**Discussion**

The Selectboard received a valid, voter-backed petition to reconsider the March 2 vote to merge the Town of Essex and Village of Essex Junction. The Selectboard warned the reconsideration vote for a special Town Meeting on April 13, which coincides with the Village of Essex Junction and Essex-Westford School District annual meetings.

The Selectboard has scheduled an informational meeting about the vote for March 25.

**Cost**

n/a

**Recommendation**

This memo is for discussion.

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**Re:** Public outreach for April 13<sup>th</sup> vote for reconsideration on merger

**Date:** March 19, 2021

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**Issue**

The issue is whether the Selectboard wants to do any additional public outreach for the April 13 vote for reconsideration on merger of the Town of Essex and Village of Essex Junction.

**Discussion**

After holding a question and answer information session on March 25 about the April 13 vote for reconsideration on merger, the Selectboard may want to discuss whether any additional public outreach is warranted.

On March 22, the Selectboard is being asked to review and approve a postcard mailer informing residents of the vote, as well as FAQs that can be posted online. The board can use the March 25 meeting to discuss those materials, if necessary, in addition to any other desired outreach to the public.

**Cost**

n/a





**Recommendation**

This memo is for discussion and potential action.

# MEETING SCHEDULES

3/19/2021

***DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETINGS 	VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEETINGS 	JOINT MEETINGS  
March 22, 2021—6:30 PM	JT Special	Cathy
March 23, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular	Cathy
March 25, 2021 – 6:30 PM	SB Regular	Amy
April 5, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular	Cathy
April 7, 2021—7:00 PM	Village Informational Hearing	Cathy