

TOWN OF ESSEX
Annual Town Meeting
March 6 & 7, 2023

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX IN THE COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE ESSEX CINEMAS, 21 ESSEX WAY #300, ESSEX, VERMONT ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 AT 7:30 PM TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES.

- Article I. Shall the reports of the Officers be accepted?
- Article II. Shall the Town of Essex vote on all public questions by Australian ballot?
- Article III. Discussion of ballot items:
- Article V, Adopting the fiscal year 2024 budget;
 - Article VI, Increasing the capital tax rate;
 - Article VII, Charter amendment to reorganize the charter;
 - Article VIII, Charter amendment for ability to set license fees;
 - Article IX, Charter amendment to allow for just cause eviction ordinance;
 - Article X, Charter amendment to allow for recall of Selectboard members;
 - Article XI, Charter amendment to transition from Zoning Board of Adjustment to Development Review Board
 - Article XII, Announcement of offices up for election in Article XII
- Article IV. Public to be heard.

WHEREUPON, AFTER DISPOSITION OF SAID BUSINESS, SAID MEETING SHALL BE ADJOURNED TO THE FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH 7, 2023, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT. THE POLLS FOR SAID BALLOT SHALL BE AT ESSEX MIDDLE SCHOOL, 60 FOUNDERS ROAD, ESSEX, VERMONT AND SHALL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM AT WHICH TIME THEY SHALL BE CLOSED.

- Article V. Shall the Town adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$15,401,152?
- Article VI. Shall the Town of Essex increase the Capital Reserve Fund by adding 1 cent to the tax rate, in addition to the two cents previously authorized, for the purpose of financing capital projects?
- Article VII. Shall the Town of Essex reorganize its charter as recommended by the Charter Review Committee?
- Article VIII. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to have the authority to adopt and enforce ordinances for the purposes of regulating, licensing, and fixing reasonable and necessary license fees?
- Article IX. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to give the Selectboard the power to enact an ordinance to protect residential tenants from eviction without just cause?

- Article X. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to allow for the recall of Selectboard members?
- Article XI. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to create a Development Review Board to replace the Zoning Board of Adjustment by January 1, 2025, following passage by the Vermont Legislature?
- Article XII. Election of the following:
Moderator, 1 vacancy (1-year term)
Selectboard, 2 vacancies (3-year terms)

Dated at Essex, Vermont, the 30th day of January 2023 by the Essex Town Selectboard.

Selectboard signatures:

Andrew J Watts

[Andrew J Watts \(Feb 2, 2023 09:55 EST\)](#)

Andrew J. Watts, Chair

Ethan Lawrence

[Ethan Lawrence \(Feb 5, 2023 19:26 EST\)](#)

Ethan Lawrence, Clerk

Dawn Hill-Fleury

[Dawn Hill-Fleury \(Feb 2, 2023 09:34 EST\)](#)

Dawn Hill-Fleury

Tracey A Delphia

[Tracey A Delphia \(Feb 1, 2023 19:41 EST\)](#)

Tracey Delphia, Vice Chair

Kendall Chamberlin

[Kendall Chamberlin \(Feb 2, 2023 09:24 EST\)](#)

Kendall Chamberlin

Received for record this 2nd day of February, 2023 in the records of the Town of Essex.

Susan McNamara-Hill

[Susan McNamara-Hill \(Feb 2, 2023 13:54 EST\)](#)

Susan McNamara-Hill, Town Clerk