

AD HOC TASK FORCE
TOWN OF ESSEX/VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
PLAN OF MERGER

Task force Purpose:

The Ad Hoc Task force's purpose is to recommend to the Selectboard and Trustees a plan of merger pursuant to a single charter for their consideration.

Specific Tasks:

Specific objectives include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Review current personnel services and service delivery contracts and systems and make recommendations for a consolidated system.
- 2) Using the 1999 charter, review and recommend solutions to issues previously raised.
- 3) Recommend a government structure for the consolidated community.
- 4) Develop an outline for the planned transition from the present form of government to a consolidated community.
- 5) Identify and recommend a plan for the resolution of financial issues.
- 6) Prepare and recommend a charter for the consolidated community.
- 7) Recommend a name for the new community.

The final product will be presented to the Selectboard and Village Trustees for review and possible modification and presentation to the voters of Essex Town including those in the Village of Essex Junction.

Time Frame:

It is anticipated that the Selectboard/Trustee approved group of individuals will meet regularly and that a vote on a consolidated municipality could be held in March or April of 2006.

Members:

The composition of the task force will be: two representatives from each legislative body who shall not be the Chairs appointed by the respective body, and six citizen representatives with three appointed from the Town outside the Village by the Selectboard and three appointed from within the Village of Essex Junction by the Trustees.

Staff Resources:

The task force may utilize Town and Village staff as required. The committee may also use outside assistance, but not for mediation or facilitation. The Town and Village managers will be non-voting members of the taskforce.