

**Agenda for  
Essex Economic Development Commission  
Monday – January 11, 2015 – 12:00 PM (noon)  
Essex Police Department – Maple Street**

1. Public To Be Heard
2. Minutes: Review and vote on EDC Minutes – **October 5 and December 14**  
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3. EDC 2015 Annual Report for Town Report – review draft
4. Potential EDC Efforts for 2016: Chair suggestions: (1) for a project to be selected, a coordinator from the EDC or from staff should be identified; and, (2) project ideas should relate back to the Goals and Action Steps identified in the Town Plan now under consideration.
  - a. Projects / Action Steps stemming from EDC Goals & Objectives (**see attached**)
  - b. Tax options (local option sales tax; rooms & meals & alcohol & cannabis – production & sale, should it become legal in Vermont). Look for data from State of Vermont, CCRPC, VLCT on location option taxes in other Chittenden County towns)
  - c. Marketing / Branding Essex / Business Recruitment
  - d. Development of recreation project (biking / hiking / Nordic skiing) @ Saxon Hill
  - e. Visit to Vermont Legislature
    - i. Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs – objectives of visit?
    - ii. House Transportation re Train Station upgrade (Village initiative)
  - f. Update and Add Essex Businesses on Google Maps
  - g. Potential Speaker(s) / Speaker Series:
    - i. SCORE Presentation – Matt Graf – possible SCORE collaboration / connection for new businesses
    - ii. Saxon Hill Recreation Area – discussion with Amy Vile
    - iii. Selectboard Member – review SB economic development focus
    - iv. Others – brainstorm ideas
5. Announcements / Updates / Discussions
  - a. TGIA Report and January 13 Community Meeting: <http://www.essextgia.com/library.html>
  - b. Report on Essex Town / St. Albans Meeting of Dec. 12 (Robin Pierce or Greg Duggan)
  - c. Workforce Development Update (if any): Engineering Design & Production Technologies (EDPT) Program
  - d. Confirm next meeting date(s).
6. Other business

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