

**Agenda for
Essex Economic Development Commission
Monday – January 25, 2015 – 12:00 PM (noon)
Essex Police Department – Maple Street**

1. Public To Be Heard
2. Minutes: Review online (link below) and vote on EDC Minutes – **December 14 and January 11**
http://www.essex.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={EEED24E8-BDE6-490A-A4F0-7C45F56F4E86})
3. Speaker (Tentative - invitation extended): Matt Graf, Chair of Chittenden County SCORE. Conversation with Matt about major changes a SCORE and potential for collaboration.
4. 2016 EDC Foci:
 - a. Tax Options Update (Barbara Higgins)
 - b. Marketing / Branding (Robin Lane)
5. Announcements / Updates / Discussions
 - a. Report on January 13 TGIA Community Meeting: <http://www.essextgia.com/library.html>
 - b. Report on Dec. 12 Essex Town / St. Albans Meeting (Robin Pierce)
 - c. Essex Town Planning Commission – Open Invitation for Public Comment – Feb. 11. (See Notice Below).
 - d. Report on Excelerate Essex Open House – Jan. 22 (Greg Morgan)
 - e. Selectboard interest in Economic Development (Greg Morgan)
 - f. Workforce Development Update (if any): Engineering Design & Production Technologies (EDPT) Program (Robin Lane)
 - g. CCRPC Train Station (Amtrak) Access and Circulation Study – Public Hearing at Trustees meeting: 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Jan. 26. (<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/transportation/scoping/essex-junction-train-station/>) (See Notice Below)
 - h. Confirm next meeting date(s).
6. Other business

For Information: (Send Agenda and Minutes to: it@essex.org - Draft – minutes within 5 days / agenda 48 hours before regular meeting)

Planning Commission Invitation to Public:

TOWN OF ESSEX PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA

February 11, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

POLICE COMMUNITY ROOM, 145 MAPLE ST., ESSEX JCT., VT

INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC: The Planning Commission is interested in hearing from Essex citizens in a general open-ended format during which everyone is free to discuss any matters related to planning and development in Essex.

Village Trustees Train Station Hearing Notice:

The Village of Essex Junction and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission are sponsoring a public alternatives presentation meeting to present ideas for improving the Amtrak train station area in Essex Junction. This meeting will be held at the Village Offices (2 Lincoln Street) on January 26th, at 6:30 PM. Hear about ideas for improving the train station area and let the Board of Trustees know what you think! The study area includes Railroad Avenue, Ivy Lane and the immediate area around the Amtrak train station. For more information, please visit www.essexjunction.org

EDC Efforts for 2016 – Initial List:

1. 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.
2. Marketing / Branding Essex / Business Recruitment: Robin Lane identified issue
3. Development of recreation project (biking / hiking / Nordic skiing) @ Saxon Hill
4. Vermont Legislature
 - a. Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs: Waiting to hear from
5. Update and Add Essex Businesses on Google Maps
6. Potential Speaker(s) / Speaker Series:
 - a. Chittenden County SCORE – Matt Graf – Potential collaboration
 - b. Jeff Carr – Local Options Tax – economic status of Essex
 - c. Saxon Hill Recreation Area – discussion with Amy Vile
 - d. Selectboard Member – review SB economic development focus
 - e. Others – brainstorm ideas