

## **Agenda for Essex Economic Development Commission Monday – April 25, 2016 – 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 – April 11, 2016  
[http://www.essex.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={EEED24E8-BDE6-490A-A4F0-7C45F56F4E86}](http://www.essex.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={EEED24E8-BDE6-490A-A4F0-7C45F56F4E86}) )
3. **BTVignite** ([www.btvignite.com/](http://www.btvignite.com/)): Executive Director, Mike Schirling, scheduled to visit with EDC on June 27. See proposed list of topics and invitees below.
4. **EDC Elements of Town Plan:** Review EDC portion of 2016 Town Plan for priorities and action steps. See PDF attachment to the transmitting email, same as sent by G. Duggan on April 11.
5. **Announcements / Updates / Discussions**
  - a. Senator Leahy Press Conference – April 15 @ Amtrak Station re: pre-clearance with Canada. Report on search for train station funding.
  - b. Trustees / Village Planning Commission: Report on discussion 4 Pearl Street matches plan & code.
  - c. Confirm next meeting date(s).
6. Other business

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

### **Proposed questions for Mike Schirling, BTV Ignite**

1. Learn about BTV Ignite, its goals and mission
2. What steps does Essex need to take to become even more a part of the Ignite initiative - beyond the participation of the Essex High School STEM Academy:
  - Build a fiber network or join BT?
  - Link to other networks in Vermont that provide gigabit broadband (UVM)?
  - What else?
3. How does Essex engage with your efforts to build a tech eco-system in the region? We bring a range of resources to the table:
  - Vermont's leader in advanced manufacturing jobs
  - Home to GlobalFoundries and IBM - and a 50 plus year record of working with these tech giants
  - Home to Excelerate Essex - our innovative co-working space
  - Commitment from the Selectboard and Trustees to support economic development and job creation

EDC will invite leaders from Essex / Essex Junction to join the conversation, including

- Max Levy, Chair of the Selectboard and former IBM employee;
- George Tyler, President of the Village;
- Pat Scheidel, Village Manager;
- Lee Ann Smith, from your Board and head of the STEM Academy at EHS;
- Rick Garey, Essex Police Captain and MIS Director (guessing you'll recognize that combination!);
- Emir Heco, principal of Excelerate Essex and Heco Engineering; and
- Members of the Economic Development Commission, there are 5 of us. And perhaps others.