

**Agenda for
Essex Economic Development Commission
Monday – June 13, 2016 – 12:00 PM (noon)
Essex Town Offices – 81 Main Street**

1. **Public To Be Heard**
2. **Minutes:** Review online (link below) and vote on EDC Minutes – May 9, 2016
http://www.essex.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={EEED24E8-BDE6-490A-A4F0-7C45F56F4E86})
(Greg will bring copy to meeting – not written or posted yet).
3. **Plan BTV IGNITE Visit to Essex on June 27:** BTVIgnite (www.btvignite.com/) Executive Director, Mike Schirling, to visit with EDC on June 27.
 - a. Add Essex and Essex businesses to BTV Ignite’s list of “Tech Scene Partners”? -
<http://www.btvignite.com/btv-tech-scene-partners/>
4. **EDC Elements of Town Plan:** Review EDC portion of 2016 Town Plan for priorities and action steps. Continue conversation started at April 25 meeting. See minutes of last meeting for discussion thus far.
5. **Announcements / Updates / Discussions**
 - a. EDC Membership – potential recruitment
 - b. GBIC Annual Meeting – June 16 – 5-7 PM at Echo Center
 - c. Brett Grabowski, President of Milot Real Estate and developer of 4 Pearl Street presenting to Essex Rotary on June 15 – Wednesday.
 - d. 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)

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;
- All Board members – SB and Trustees;
- 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.
- Members of Business Community who might be interested in tech focus: Vermont Systems, Autumn Harp,
- Advertise on FPF ?? / Facebook pages of Essex and EJ
- Lars Torres – Generator