

**Agenda for
Essex Economic Development Commission
Monday – November 28, 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 – November 14, 2016**
http://www.essex.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={EEED24E8-BDE6-490A-A4F0-7C45F56F4E86}
3. **Review status of EDC Goals and Actions Steps:** Bring copy of Town Plan to meeting.
4. **Implications for Essex: *Telling the Vermont Story: as a Great Place To Work, Live and Do Business (A 3-Year Economic Development Plan To Attract and Retain Residents and Businesses to Vermont: May 16, 2016)***
<http://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/major-initiatives/marketing-plan>
Discuss potential value and links to Essex. Please review the plan as much as possible to see if there are ways Essex can benefit from this SOV / Agency of Commerce marketing initiative. A potential meeting with VT Department of Economic Development Staff is being pursued to better understand SOV intentions and plans.
5. **Announcements / Updates / Discussions**
 - Next Meeting: December 12 – Should we have a “holiday lunch”?
 - Preliminary question: potential EDC budget items for Town Budget (being prepared shortly)
 - Transportation Board Rail Hearing – Nov 14 in Burlington.
 - Update on “Essex as Hub for Women-Led Businesses Project” (if available)
 - EDC Annual Report Status – Greg Morgan preparing draft for Commission review
 - BTV Ignite – waiting for membership guidance from BTV Ignite
 - BTV Ignite – “Developing an Innovation Hub / Accelerator” gathering – Dec 8 / 5:30 – 7 PM
 - “Manufacturers Ball” on Dec 2 – please attend – Lang Farm Barn. 5:30 PM – organized by Excelerate Essex.
6. **Other business**

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