

**TOWN OF ESSEX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4385(a), the Essex Selectboard has scheduled two public hearings, the second of which will happen on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Essex Police Department, 145 Maple Street, Essex Junction, Vermont.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input on proposed amendments to the *Essex Town Plan*, adopted March 1, 2011.

The purpose of the amendments is to incorporate statistical updates; include findings from Heart & Soul of Essex; add a section about flood resiliency; and add standards for the siting of commercial scale renewable energy projects. The draft 2016 *Essex Town Plan* features a graphic redesign and a reduction of outdated content to make the document more engaging. The draft Town Plan includes an Introduction and four chapters: The Action Plan, Essex's Sense of Community, Essex's Sense of Place, and Serving the Community. The amendments have the potential to affect all areas in Town.

Copies of the proposed amendments and the report, as required by 24 V.S.A. § 4384(f) and 24 V.S.A. § 4444(b), may be obtained or examined at the temporary municipal offices at 42 Allen Martin Drive, Essex Junction, VT, the Essex Free Library, or the Brownell Library. The proposed amendments may be downloaded from the Town website at www.essex.org (under "Notices," click "2016 Town Plan Information").

Max Levy, Chair
Essex Selectboard