

# Essex Economic Development Commission (EDC)

8:00 AM Thursday, February 18th, 2021

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## AGENDA

**Commission Members:** Annie Cooper, Chair; Brian Shelden, Vice Chair; Botur Kosimi, Clerk; Jeff Benjamin; Greg Morgan (On Leave)

**Staff & Partners:** Evan Teich / Greg Duggan; Owiso Makuku; Darren Schibler; Robin Pierce; Curt Carter & Sam Anderson, GBIC

**Guests:** Will Dodge, Energy Committee Chair, Alan Botula, Conservation and Trails Committee Vice Chair, Micah Hagen, Bike Walk Advisory Committee Chair

1. Call to Order
2. Public to Be Heard
3. Changes to Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes
5. [Possible Discussion at this meeting or next: EDC, along with [possible] guests: Chair Micah Hagen of the Bike Walk Advisory Committee, Chair Will Dodge of the Energy Committee and Vice Chair Alan Botula of the Conservation and Trails Committee discuss shared vision of biking and walking through Essex, through different areas, for residents to get to local businesses and community spaces within both the Village of Essex Junction, as well as the Town of Essex, exterior to the Village.
  - 6.a Chairs/Vice Chairs of the Bike Walk Advisory Committee, the Energy Committee and the Conservation and Trails Committee give a brief intro and rundown of their current work and how it may relate to the EDC]
6. Updates from Partners and Staff
7. Discussion from Village Planning Commission Meeting: Annie
8. 2021 Work Plan: Boards & Committees discussion & further signups, Confirm meeting date for LOT conversation with Greg/Evan. Have any LOT discussion we feel is needed, Essex

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Business Contact Project Update: Botur. Discuss timing to shift this list to staff with updates continuing to come from EDC. Add on any other 2021 Work Plan Items [Annie to share information given to her by Greg Morgan]

**9.** Next EDC Meeting: **Thursday, March 4th, 2021, 8am**

**10.** Meeting Adjournment: (9:15 AM)