The Selectboard of the Town of Essex shall hold a public hearing at 7:05 p.m. on October 7, 2019 at Essex High School, 2 Educational Drive, Essex Jct., Vermont to consider final passage of new and revised provisions to Chapter 6.08, Firearms, and Chapter 9.04, Parks, of the Municipal Ordinance.

The Selectboard of the Town of Essex hereby ordains that changes be made to the Municipal Ordinance, Title 6, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, and Title 9, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places. The purpose of the new and revised provisions is to define a firearm; to amend the area where discharge of firearms is prohibited to include the Tree Farm and, for much of the year, Indian Brook Park and the 90-acre Saxon Hill school parcel; to increase the penalties for violations of the ordinance; and to update Chapter 9.04, Parks, to reflect changes to Chapter 6.08, Firearms, and clarify that target shooting is prohibited in public parks.

New provisions include
   Section 6.08.000, Definition of firearm;

Revised provisions include
   Section 6.08.010, Discharging firearms—Prohibited area designated;
   Section 6.08.070, Violation—Penalty;
   Section 9.04.100, Prohibited activities designated.

Full text of the proposed revisions may be examined at the Essex Town Offices, 81 Main St., Essex Jct., VT, or online at www.essex.org. Should the Town of Essex Selectboard adopt these ordinances, they will become effective upon passage.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the ordinance at an annual or special meeting pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973. Five (5) percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Essex, by written petition filed with the Town Clerk no later than forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption by the Selectboard, may request that the voters of the town disapprove of the Selectboard’s action at a duly warned annual or special meeting.

Please direct questions to Deputy Manager Greg Duggan at gduggan@essex.org, 802-878-1341, or the Essex Town Offices, 81 Main St., Essex Jct., VT.

Elaine Haney, Chair
Essex Selectboard