

**WARNING  
TOWN OF ESSEX  
INFORMATIONAL HEARING MARCH 1, 2021 AND  
ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 2, 2021**

**Informational Hearing – online only  
Monday, March 1**

**[7:30 PM]**

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this hearing will be held remotely. Available options to watch or join the meeting:*

- **WATCH:** the meeting will be live-streamed on [Town Meeting TV](#).
- **JOIN ONLINE:** [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#). Depending on your browser, you may need to call in for audio (below).
- **JOIN CALLING:** Join via conference call (*audio only*): (802) 377-3784 | Conference ID: 242 211 736#
- **MODERATOR:** All instructions for conduct of the meeting will be guided by the Moderator.
- **If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call (802) 878-1341 or email [manager@essex.org](mailto:manager@essex.org).**

On December 28, 2020, the Town Selectboard voted to hold the 2021 Town Annual Meeting entirely by Australian ballot. A public informational hearing on the Articles to be voted on at Town Annual Meeting will be held according to 17 V.S.A. § 2680. **No voting will take place during this hearing.** If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to the Unified Manager at [manager@essex.org](mailto:manager@essex.org).

**AGENDA will include:**

- Discussion of Article I – Adopting the budget
- Discussion of Article II – Adopting the Plan of Merger and proposed Charter for the merged municipalities
- Announcement of offices up for election in Article III
- Public to be heard (to be moderated)

**Annual Meeting – Australian Ballot  
Tuesday, March 2**

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX IN THE COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT. POLLING PLACES ARE:

- ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL, 2 EDUCATIONAL DRIVE FOR ALL ESSEX RESIDENTS RESIDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION.
- ESSEX MIDDLE SCHOOL, 60 FOUNDERS ROAD FOR ALL ESSEX RESIDENTS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION,

**ARTICLE I.** Shall the Town adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$15,926,128?

**ARTICLE II.** Shall the Town of Essex adopt the Plan of Merger of the Town of Essex, Vermont and Village of Essex Junction, Vermont dated January 11, 2021 and the proposed Charter for the merged municipalities? (Copies of the Plan of Merger, including proposed Charter provisions are available at the Clerk's Office at 81 Main St., Essex Junction; by emailing [clerk@essex.org](mailto:clerk@essex.org) or calling 878-1341; the Village Office at 2 Lincoln St, Essex Junction; and at [www.essexvt.org](http://www.essexvt.org), [www.greateressex2020.org](http://www.greateressex2020.org), and [www.essexjunction.org](http://www.essexjunction.org).)

**ARTICLE III.** Election of the following:

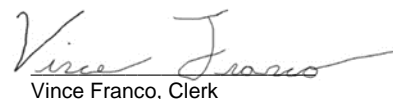
Moderator, 1 vacancy (1-year term)

Selectboard, 2 vacancies (one 3-year term and one 1-year term)

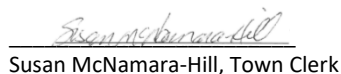
Dated at Essex, Vermont, the 28th day of January 2021 by the Essex Town Selectboard.

  
Elaine Haney, Chair

  
Patrick Murray, Vice-Chair

  
Vince Franco, Clerk

Received for record this 29th day of January, 2021 in the records of the Town of Essex.

  
Susan McNamara-Hill, Town Clerk

# Town Meeting

**The 2021 Town Meeting will be held by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Selectboard Informational Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021 – to be held remotely**

**Australian Ballot - Polling place and hours:**

Residents of the **Village** of Essex Junction vote at **Essex High School**, 2 Educational Drive, **Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7 AM to 7 PM.**

Residents of the **Town** outside of the Village of Essex Junction vote at **Essex Middle School**, 58 Founders Drive, Essex Junction, **Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7 AM to 7 PM**

**Voter Registration:** If you are not already registered in Essex, you may print and fill out this application <https://sos.vermont.gov/media/nesb43yw/2017-voter-app.pdf> and either mail the completed form to 81 Main Street or leave in drop box at town office. New Vermont residents must provide proof of residence (see instructions on form). You can also register online at <https://olvr.vermont.gov/> or at the polling place for same day registration. All that is required for voter registration is your VT driver's license number, or if you do not have a VT driver's license, the last four digits of your social security number.

**Early/Absentee Ballots Requests and Deadline:** Early/Absentee ballots are being mailed to all active registered voters. If you do not receive a ballot by February 16<sup>th</sup>, call the town clerk's office at 879-0413 option 6. The town clerk's office is closed to the public so there will be no in-office early voting. All early/absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> or delivered directly to the polling place before the close of polls on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. **If you do not want to vote by mail, please bring your ballot with you to the polling place on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Voting instructions at the polling place:** Enter polls to check-in table, state name and street address, receive ballot, proceed and enter voting booth, mark your ballot in the voting booth (if you tear, deface or wrongly mark your ballot, return it to the election worker to receive another ballot), proceed to the ballot tabulator, cast ballot, exit polling area.

**Problems at the Polls:** Anyone needing assistance with voting or help with a problem at the polls should seek the assistance of the Presiding Officer or election officials.

**Campaigning During Polling Hours:** No candidate or other person may physically interfere with the progress of a voter to and from the polling place. No campaign advertisement may be displayed, placed, handed out or allowed to remain within the building containing a polling place. An election official or other person may not campaign, solicit voter or distribute campaign materials in the building containing a polling place.

**For questions concerning this election, call Susan McNamara-Hill, Town Clerk, at 879-0413 option 6 or email [clerk@essex.org](mailto:clerk@essex.org)**