

TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner
Supervisor

Patricia Gardner
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TOWN COUNCIL:

Claire LaPine
Bryan Garvey
James LaForest
Gretel Schueller

December 8, 2016

Regular Board Meeting

Supervisor Gardner opened the Regular meeting.

Roll Call: PRESENT

Councilperson LaPine
Councilperson Garvey
Councilperson LaForest
Councilperson Schueller
Supervisor Gardner

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to those in attendance. Ken Hughes, representing Essex Initiative, talked About Christmas in Essex which runs the whole weekend.

Supervisor Gardner noted that the towns Board of Zoning Appeals is still in need of a member.

Bryan Garvey made and Claire LaPine seconded motion to accept the minutes from 11/10/2016 Public Hearing.

Roll Call:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner		X

Bryan Garvey made and Claire LaPine seconded motion to accept minutes from 11/10/2016 Regular Meeting.

Roll Call:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	X	

Supervisor Gardner explained that the Water/Sewer Clerk mentioned to him the issue with the rates for non-profit. Ed said that when the State Comptroller audited the town we were told that it is illegal to charge lower rates in a special district. This change will raise these properties \$100.00 per quarter. Mr. LaForest suggested we not change this. Boards have their budgets set for this year and it could be a hardship to them.

Resolution 77-2016 is being made to change the Water and Sewer rates, no longer having a non-profit rate. These parcels will now be charged the residential rate effective 1/1/2018.

Motion Made By: Bryan Garvey		Seconded By: Gretel Schueller
	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest		x
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Supervisor Gardner reported that Doug Rock, our codes officer, has checked into the program by BAS. The cost is based upon how many properties. Our cost would be \$1300 for the program and \$900 for the yearly maintenance. Gretel asked if we could share Willsboro's program and it cannot because it needs to be a part of our records separate from Willsboro. Doug is trying to re-negotiate the cost because both towns currently use the Town Clerk's program. Ed will ask Doug to attend next meeting to explain how it works.

Supervisor Gardner told the board we need to set a date for the End of the Year Meeting and the Organizational Meeting. It was decided to hold the End of the Year meeting on December 29, 2016 at 6pm here in the meeting room. The Organizational Meeting will be held on January 2, 2017 at 10:00am here in the meeting room.

Supervisor Gardner told all that the next Ground Water Meeting will be held December 14th at 9:30. Ed then asked Tina if she could update us on the pumping. She ran both pumps for 2 weeks with holding at their levels with turbidity clearing up. The parts have been ordered to do a pilot study on the filtration. She suggests that people attend to show support in keeping cost down. Ed reported that Mr. Ruzzo is working on the alienation for the park and as soon as it is complete Dan Stec and Betty Little will introduce.

Motion by Claire LaPine and seconded by Bryan Garvey to pay Abstract 12-2016.

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Motion made by James LaForest and seconded by Gretel Schueller to accept the Town Clerks Report.

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by James LaForest to accept the Supervisors Report.

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

At 7:20 Claire LaPine made a motion to go into Executive Session about a former employee. Second by Bryan Garvey. All in favor.

At 7:50 Bryan Garvey made and Gretel seconded motion to exit Executive Session. No decisions were made. All in favor.

It was noted that Lois Sayward a former employee with 20 plus years of service will be retiring and is asking that the town honor what was voted on in 2011. It was discussed that the Employee Manual needs to be updated so that it conforms to today's standards. Jim LaForest will form a committee to update this.

Resolution 78-2016 is being made to offer Lois Sayward the Silver Plan of Single + One to fulfill the obligation set forth by Section 2.4 of Employee Manual of 2007 with a motion of the Town Board on June 9, 2011.

Motion Made By: Claire LaPine

Seconded By: Bryan Garvey

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Councilperson LaForest made the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk