

# TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner  
**Supervisor**

Patricia Gardner  
**Town Clerk**

## TOWN COUNCIL:

Claire LaPine  
Bryan Garvey  
James LaForest  
Gretel Schueller

May 12, 2016  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
6:00pm

Supervisor Gardner called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present  
Councilperson LaPine  
Councilperson Garvey  
Councilperson LaForest  
Councilperson Schueller  
Supervisor Gardner

Supervisor Gardner gave the floor to Ken Hughes of Essex Initiatives. He wanted to update the board of the happenings with EI. The CATS kiosk was worked on today, adding brochure holders and the actual groundwork will be completed very soon. It has been two months since the EI forum where they collected 75 responses (via email and completed that day) responses to the survey we created. The results were emailed to all board members this morning. They hope all organizations, business and the town can use this feedback. EI is doing Oasis #2 on Walker Road for the upcoming CATS Town to Town hike. EI wanted to thank again Supervisor Gardner and Highway Superintendent French for getting green bags for the road clean up and the removal of them. Lastly EI is planning to create a quarterly newsletter and are applying for a grant through the Essex Community Fund. EI would appreciate a resolution or letter of support for this project. The next EI meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup> at Hub on the Hill if anyone would like to attend.

### Resolution 45-2016

We the Town Board of Essex fully support the grant application by EI to ECF for creating, printing, distributing and direct mailing a quarterly EI newsletter. The project will ensure the public is aware of the many events which occur within the town at venues.

Motion Made By: Gretel Schueller

Seconded By: James LaForest

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

Billie Houghton asked if the town was aware that the Town Beach is listed as a boat launching site for the Rotary Fishing Tournament. Supervisor Gardner said that he will notify them to remove that as a launch site.

Motion made by Gretel Schueller and seconded by James LaForest to accept the minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. All in favor, no nays.

The town clerk, on behalf of the Highway Superintendent is asking for the board's signature on the amended agreement to spend town highway funds. This was the only place where all would be in one place for signatures.

The bond resolution for purchasing a new plow truck was discussed. See the attached Resolution 42-2016.

Motion made by James LaForest and seconded by Claire LaPine.

Roll Call:	Councilperson Lapine	Yes
	Councilperson Garvey	Yes
	Councilperson LaForest	Yes
	Councilperson Schueller	Yes
	Supervisor Gardner	Yes

**Resolution 43-2016** is being made to amend the 2016 Budget. This transfer is to cover the extra Unemployment Insurance that is being charged to us. Need to move the following:

\$1227	<b>From</b>	81304.13 Treatment/Disposal Contractual Expense
	<b>TO</b>	90508.13 Unemployment Insurance

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Seconded By: Bryan Garvey

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

A request for support for the Essex Theater Company by way of an 1/8 page ad was brought up. The Town Clerk reported that last year the town issued a check for \$60. A motion was made by James LaForest to pay for a 1/8 page ad for \$70 as long as there is no negative budgetary impact. Claire Lapine seconded the motion.

Row Call:

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

Supervisor Gardner stated that at the Willsboro Town Board meeting held last night, the board authorized the supervisor to sign the new contract for Code Enforcement Officer. The Town Clerk informed the board that they must first rescind the current resolution in effect that was to sign the contract with certain changes.

**Resolution 44-2016** is being made to:

Rescind **Resolution 31-2016** to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract, with the Town of Willsboro, for Shared Services of Code Enforcement Officer, *with change of prorated salary.*

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

**Resolution 46-2016** is being made to authorize the Supervisor to sign the new contract with the Town of Willsboro for Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion Made By: Bryan Garvey

Seconded By: Claire LaPine

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

Supervisor brought forward again the sale of the Old Stone Church. He asked all board members if they received the letter from the town attorney. According to the attorney the most important issue is the encroachment and you cannot sell the property without this finalized in a deed. He suggested we use the resolution in place to sell to the Daltons who currently own the property where the encroachment occurs. Councilperson Schueller objected saying that the town should spend the money needed to hire a land attorney not associated with the town and another appraiser so as to get more from the sale. Councilperson LaForest felt that we should move forward with the sale and that this has been many years in the making and it needs to be done. Councilperson Garvey said he would have liked to see it sold by bid but agreed that with the restrictions we should sell to the Daltons. A motion was made by James LaForest to move forward with the sale of the church as per Resolution 86-2015 to sell to the Daltons for \$90,000.00. Bryan Garvey seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Supervisor Gardner told all that there is a rumor going around about the Old Dock. He said the town has received a request from Jack Halpin for an application for a permit for demolition and another for building a home for the Old Dock. Supervisor Gardner said he has been in contact with the Essex County IDA and they will look into seeing if Mr. Halpin wants to sell or lease the property. Discussion ensued as to whether it's a historical property and can it be demolished. Planning will be the ones to determine this if it proceeds.

Supervisor Gardner also reported that the final well has been tested. Preliminary reports are good. Pumping for 72 hours it was stable for 30 gallons per minute. With a combination of well 1 and three we should have the required amount. Well 2 only produced 6 gallons per minute but well 2 is in the 15-20 gallon per minute range. HE also stated that there will still be filtration in the new plant to filter lake water if needed, especially in an emergency.

The Town Clerk asked for the minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, Joint meeting with Willsboro be approved. Gretel made the motion and James seconded it. All in favor no nays.

Supervisor Gardner asked if anyone had questions concerning any of the reports. Councilperson Schueller commended Tina Gardner, Water Superintendent and Wastewater Operator for the excellent reports. She noted that Tina is making every effort to save money.

With no other business before the board, a motion by James LaForest to adjourn the meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Gardner  
Town Clerk