

# TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner  
**Supervisor**

Patricia Gardner  
**Town Clerk**

## TOWN COUNCIL:

Mark Wrisley  
Bryan Garvey  
Claire LaPine  
James LaForest

Special Emergency Town Board  
November 16, 2015  
6:00pm

Supervisor Gardner opened the meeting with the pledge.

Roll Call: Supervisor Gardner, Councilpersons; LaForest, LaPine, and Wrisley. Garvey Absent

Notice of meeting was read.

Donna Haynes passed out 2 lists, one for water and one for sewer to be levied on the tax roll.

Supervisor Gardner explained that the board needed to approve this list and pass a resolution to that effect. This will be forwarded to the county. Donna added that the levies were \$19285.66 in sewer and \$11,989.70 in water. Supervisor Gardner reported that at the county level there is over \$2 million in levies that the county will be paying. Mark asked "What is the biggest reason for so many people not paying?". Donna explained that some disagreed with their billing, one had shut his water off but was living in it the following spring so they had not been out for the year required to not have to pay O&M. We also sent out the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billings within a month from each other and she feels people paid their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and when they got their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter they may have tossed thinking it was already paid. Also many felt they had paid 4 times this year but in actuality they paid 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014 and the first 3 Quarters of 2015. She also stated that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter bill was a letter explaining that the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter would be billed this year. Donna said she made phone calls, emails and resent bills with letters and got many to become up to date. Mark stated that hopefully we won't have this many next year. Claire asked why there was so many various charges. Donna explained that some had late charges added to their bills, some are for just the Debit Service, some are behind more than a quarter and others have paid none.

### **Resolution 101-2015 – Water Sewer Rent Levy for 2016 Tax Roll November 16, 2015**

This resolution is being offered to approve the attached list of delinquent property owners that will be sent to Essex County for Re-Levy on the owners 2016 land tax.

Motion Made By: Mark Wrisley

Seconded By: James LaForest

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey		Absent
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Supervisor explained that a resolution was need to approve the fracking of the well at Beggs Point Dec. 7th. He also said that the Todd wanted to know if another well could be drilled by Ormsbys at Beggs as soon as possible. This will give a more definition of the water source and then we could frack both wells at the same time. Mark said that Derrick was

talking with the driller when they were here and he said that this type of well will not benefit from fracking. What that means, I do not know but I think we have to try it. Supervisor explained that even if we do not get the amount needed, the committee agreed that we could supplement the well with lake water. This is still cheaper than going directly with lake water. James asked if this goes under the original contract because we are using Ormsby's and not the other. Supervisor Gardner explained that this is called a professional service by AES and it is not necessary for a new contract, it is an add-on to the current contract.

**Resolution 102-2015 – Drilling and Fracking at Beggs Point  
November 16, 2015**

This resolution is being offered to drill another well at Beggs Park as soon as possible and to allow the fracking of the wells at Beggs Park to increase volume.

Motion Made By: Claire LaPine

Seconded By: Mark Wrisley

	Yea	No
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Councilperson LaPine	x	
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Councilperson Garvey		Absent
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Councilperson Wrisley	x	
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Councilperson LaForest	x	
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Supervisor Gardner	x	
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Motion Made By: Claire LaPine

Supervisor Gardner informed the board that the new EMS budget must be included in the tax cap calculations. The State Comptroller Office told us this. Our budget is not changing. We have the tax cap override law already passed. The Comptroller's office was here to talk to Fire Commissioners to find the value of the equipment being turned over.

Being no other business before the board, Supervisor Gardner made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Gardner

