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MEMORANDUM

TO: Essex Junction Trustees
FROM : John Lajza, Trustee
David A. Crawford, Village Manager
DATE : January 15, 2011
SUBJECT: VT Statutes Regarding Recreation - VEJ, PC, & GENERAL LAWS

Vermont Statutes of Interest in Recreation Discussion from "THE VERMONT STATUTES ONLINE".

Title 24 Appendix: **Municipal Charters**
Chapter 221: **VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION**

§ 221-1.03. **General Powers**

The Village shall have all powers possible for a municipality to have under the Constitution and laws of this State as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this Charter. Except when changed, enlarged or modified by the provisions of this Charter, all provisions of the statutes of this State relating to municipalities shall apply to the Village of Essex Junction.

Title 16 Appendix: **Education Charters and Agreements**
Chapter 11: **ESSEX JUNCTION SCHOOL DISTRICT**
16 V.S.A. App. § 11-3.1. **Duties and powers of Prudential Committee**

(19) Be authorized to operate and maintain a recreation program.

General Laws on next page.

GENERAL LAWS

Title 31: Recreation and Sports

Chapter 5: MUNICIPAL RECREATION

§ 201. Authority to appropriate for recreation

A city by its council or an incorporated village, at an annual meeting, may appropriate such sums of money as it deems best, not exceeding four percent of its grand list, for the purchase of public playgrounds and lands, and for the construction and maintenance of buildings and equipment thereon, for public recreational purposes. This section shall not apply to a city or incorporated village whose charter or by-laws authorize such appropriation.

§ 202. Authority to establish and finance recreation system

Municipalities, singly or jointly, may establish, maintain and conduct a system of public recreation including playgrounds; may set apart for such use any land or buildings owned or leased by it; may acquire land, buildings and other recreational facilities by gift or purchase, and may issue bonds therefor as provided in sections 1751-1788 of Title 24 and equip and conduct the same; may employ a director of recreation and assistant; and may expend funds for the aforesaid purposes.

§ 203. Control and supervision of system

The legislative body may conduct the same through a department or bureau of recreation; or may delegate the conduct thereof to a recreational board created by them, or to a school board or to any other appropriate existing board or commission. The members of such body first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the term of one member shall expire annually thereafter.

§ 204. Free musical entertainments

A municipality may appropriate such sums of money not exceeding five percent of its grand list, when the grand list of such municipality does not exceed \$20,000.00, and a sum not to exceed three percent of the grand list of such municipality, when the grand list exceeds \$20,000.00, to pay the expenses of free musical entertainments, to be held within its limits, at such times and places as is directed by such vote.