

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES & ESSEX SELECTBOARD
FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Larry Yandow (Village President), George Tyler, John Lajza (Deb Billado and Peter Gustafson were absent).
ESSEX SELECTBOARD: Irene Wrenner (Chair), Linda Myers, Max Levy, David Rogerson, Bruce Post.
ADMINISTRATION: David Crawford, Village Manager; Pat Scheidel, Town Manager; Trevor Lashua, Assistant Town Manager

Larry Yandow called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

1. SIGNING OF TREE FARM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Trevor Lashua introduced the issue of signing the MOU as it had been approved by the Trustees and Selectboard. He confirmed that there had been no further changes in the MOU and that it had been reviewed by both the Town and Village attorneys.

John Lajza moved and George Tyler seconded a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion passed 3-0.

2. DISCUSSION WITH CCMPO DIRECTOR

Michele Boomhower, CCMPO Director, provided a briefing on the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on Innovative Finance Report. She referred to Appendix H of the report, a resolution to support the BRC and requested that the boards adopt this resolution. She stated that the CCMPO had not fully accepted the recommendations from the BRC, but rather adapted feedback representing the interests of the communities to move less aggressively than recommended by the BRC. She explained that the resolution summarized the fact that there was a crisis looming ahead, that the CCMPO needed to continue to focus on transportation issues and partner with local communities and regional agencies to address those issues. Ms. Boomhower confirmed that the CCMPO was not considering local taxation to fund transportation projects at this time. She referred board members to Addendum 3, which showed an evaluation of funding sources. George Tyler asked about the primary benefits for the general recommendation pertaining to a Regional Transportation Authority and District. Ms. Boomhower replied that the primary benefits would be greater efficiency and revenue, which would mean an increase in projects.

The Trustees will review the resolution for possible adoption in the near future.

3. ADJOURNMENT

John Lajza moved and George Tyler seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed 3-0.