

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES & PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Larry Yandow (Village President); Deb Billado (Vice President), John Lajza, George Tyler, Peter Gustafson  
**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:** Linda Waite-Simpson, Chair, John Gazo, Charlee Day, Dave Riester  
**ADMINISTRATION:** David Crawford, Village Manager  
Michael Deweese, Superintendent  
Judith DeNova, Assistant Superintendent; Vince Gonillo

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**1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was held at Park Street School and called to order at 6:30 PM

**2. BUSINESS**

**Village-Wide Wi-Fi**

Mike Deweese opened a discussion on equity for all students and equal access to the internet for all households/students; is there some potential to think of a partnership that might enable broader accessibility for citizens (i.e. students) within the 4 square mile area of the Village? Vince Gonillo spoke and answered questions regarding the current infrastructure within the school district and the feasibility. The Trustees and Prudential Committee agreed to move forward with a study to explore the feasibility, community impact, cost, capacity, requirements, etc. and meet back once a proposal for consultation has been drafted.

**Essex Junction Recreation and Parks Department**

The Trustees and Prudential Committee discussed the lease renewal of the Recreation Department, which is due in June, 2010. In the past, this lease has had a five-year renewal. The Trustees and Prudential Committee agreed that because of the current changes and climate, this lease would be renewed on a yearly basis.

**Sidewalk Issue**

The Trustees discussed opportunities for grant funds for sidewalk improvements (Safe Routes to Schools). Central Avenue to North Street is an area of concern, as well as from Park Street to West Street.

**Possible Local Option Tax**

Deb Billado updated on where they are with this and offered anything the Prudential Committee would need to see how this would impact the schools.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by David Crawford, Village Manager.*