

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
March 24, 2011**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Deborah Billado (President), Peter Gustafson (Vice President)  
John Lajza, Stephen Atwood and George Tyler.

**ADMINISTRATION:** David Crawford, Village Manager

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:** Charlee Day (Acting Chair), David Reister, John Gazo and  
Michael Smith (Linda Waite-Simpson was absent).

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Michael Deweese, Superintendent  
Grant Geisler, CCSU Operations Manager  
Brad Luck, Director of EJRP

**ATTORNEYS:** David Barra, Village Attorney  
Christopher Roy, Essex Jct. School District Attorney

**MEDIATOR:** Michael Marks, Esq., MarksPowers LLP

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Village President Deb Billado called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL**

**MOTION by Peter Gustafson, SECOND by John Lajza, that the Board of Trustees go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing pending legal matters and/or contract negotiations where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the village at a substantial disadvantage, and to invite the Village Manager and Village Attorney to attend. VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.**

Mediation session with the Prudential Committee. The Board returned to open session at 1:25 p.m.

**III. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

The Board of Trustees had a general discussion about the Wastewater Treatment Facility bond vote vs. an Agency of Natural Resources Revolving Fund Loan. They also discussed a noise issue at On Tap Bar and Grill in the former Lincoln Inn. It was indicated that we will meet with the property owners, residents and Essex Police to discuss the noise ordinance and enforcement.

The board re-entered Executive Session at 1:37 p.m. for a mediation session with the Prudential Committee.

Steve Atwood left at 5:00 p.m. Executive Session was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**IV. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Board of Trustees and the Essex Junction Prudential Committee reached a settlement agreement. The agreement dismisses the pending lawsuit and describes how the Trustees and Prudential Committee will work together in the future to address their shared interest in

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continuing the successful recreation program. The agreement has an initial term of three years through June 30, 2014 with annual one-year extensions. If the Board and the Prudential Committee want to renegotiate terms in the future, there will be at least two years for negotiations before the agreement expires. The Agreement provides for at least two meetings a year between the Board and the Prudential Committee. It also ensures active participation by both the Trustees and the Prudential Committee in the Recreation Advisory Council. As part of the agreement, the Trustees and Prudential Committee have also agreed to sign a lease for the Maple Street, Cascade and Stevens parks.

**MOTION BY Peter Gustafson, SECOND by John Lajza to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. VOTING: 4 ayes, one nay (Steve Atwood via telephone); motion carried.**

Deb Billado signed the document.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Peter Gustafson, SECOND by John Lajza to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: 4 ayes; motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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