

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION WARNING
INFORMATIONAL HEARING: APRIL 6, 2022
AND ANNUAL MEETING: APRIL 12, 2022



INFORMATIONAL HEARING - online only
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Due to the pandemic, this hearing will be held remotely. Available options to watch or join the meeting:

- **WATCH:** the meeting will be live-streamed on [Town Meeting TV](#).
- **JOIN ONLINE:** <https://zoom.us/join> - Meeting ID: 944 6429 7825; Passcode: 635787
- **JOIN CALLING:** (toll free, audio only): (888) 788-0099 - Meeting ID: 944 6429 7825; Passcode: 635787
- **MODERATOR:** All instructions for conduct of the meeting will be guided by the Moderator.

If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call (802) 878-6951 or email admin@essexjunction.org.

On January 25, 2022, the Village Trustees voted to hold the 2022 Annual Meeting entirely by Australian ballot. A public informational hearing on the Articles to be voted on at Annual Meeting will be held according to 17 V.S.A. § 2680. No voting will take place during this hearing. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to the Interim Co-Manager at admin@essexjunction.org.

AGENDA will include:

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| - Discussion of Article 1 – Adopting the budget | - Discussion of Article 5 – Main Street water line bond |
| - Discussion of Article 2 – Unrestricted fund balance | - Setting of next Annual Meeting in Article 6 |
| - Discussion of Article 3 – Local option tax | - Announcement of offices up for election in Article 7 |
| - Discussion of Article 4 – Cannabis retailers | - Public to be heard (to be moderated) |

ANNUAL MEETING - Australian Ballot
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

The legal voters of the Village of Essex Junction are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Essex Community Educational Center on Educational Drive in the Village of Essex Junction on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 to transact the following business by Australian ballot. Said voting by Australian ballot to begin at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters approve an annual General Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,310,015 for fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, \$3,890,397 of which is to be levied in taxes against the Village Grand List?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters authorize the Village of Essex Junction to maintain and administer an unrestricted fund balance of up to fifteen percent (15%) of the current year General Fund Operating budget, and require any amount over fifteen percent (15%) be used to stabilize subsequent tax rates?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters approve the Village of Essex Junction assessing a one percent sales tax, a one percent meals and alcoholic beverages tax, and a one percent rooms tax pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138(b)?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Village of Essex Junction authorize cannabis retailers and retail portions of integrated licensee establishments in the Village pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?

ARTICLE 5. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Village of Essex Junction in an amount not to exceed Three Million Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$3,070,000), subject to available grants-in-aid, be issued to finance the cost of replacing the Main Street water line?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters approve holding the 2023 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 to act upon any articles not involving voting by Australian ballot and to reconvene on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 to vote for the Village officers and transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 7. To elect Village officers required by law including: Moderator (one year term); one Village Trustee (three year term); one Library Trustee (five year term)?

Dated this 8th day of March, 2022 by the Village of Essex Junction Board of Trustees.

Andrew Brown
President

Raj Chawla
Vice President

George Tyler

Daniel Kerin

Amber Thibeault