

#### VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION TRUSTEES TOWN OF ESSEX SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES
- 3. APPROVE AGENDA
- 4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD
  - a. Comments from Public on Items Not on Agenda

#### 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Update on equity work in Essex
- b. Discussion about June 5, 2021 Strategic planning meeting
- c. Update from Village Trustees on Essex Junction Independence initiative and request to Selectboard for how to move forward with the potential for shared services
- d. Possible action resulting from evaluation of Unified Manager
- e. Discussion and possible action on future joint meeting schedule
- f. \*Discussion on real estate lease options

#### 6. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve minutes: June 5, 2021 - Joint

#### 7. **READING FILE**

- a. Board member comments
- b. Letter from David W. Shevchik re: update on 158th Fighter Wing
- c. Upcoming meeting schedule

#### 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. \*An executive session is anticipated to discuss the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options.

#### 9. ADJOURN

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[6:30 PM]

To: Board of Trustees; Selectboard; Evan Teich, Unified Manager

Cc: Marguerite Ladd, Assistant Manager

From: Greg Duggan, Deputy Manager

Re: Update on Equity work

Date: June 10, 2021

#### Issue

The issue is for the Trustees and Selectboard to receive an update from members from Task Force on Racial Equity, Policing and Public Safety and the Committee on Equity for Essex.

#### Discussion

The members felt it was a good time to give an update on the work that has been happening over the past few months. For more information or to sign-up for updates please visit the Committee on Equity for Essex website: <u>https://www.essexvt.org/781/EQUITY-FOR-ESSEX</u>.

Cost

N/A

#### Recommendation

This is for informational purposes only.

To: Board of Trustees; Selectboard; Evan Teich, Unified Manager
Cc: Marguerite Ladd, Assistant Manager
From: Greg Duggan, Deputy Manager
Re: Discussion about June 5, 2021 Strategic planning meeting
Date: June 10, 2021

#### Issue

The issue is for the Trustees and Selectboard to have any follow-up discussion about the June 5, 2021 strategic planning session.

#### Discussion

The Trustees and Selectboard may wish to discuss and reflect on the strategic planning session that was held on June 5. Materials from the strategic planning session are attached.

Cost

N/A

#### Recommendation

This is for information and discussion.

#### Joint Board & Trustee Shared Projects. Prioritized List from 6/5/2021 Strategic Planning Session

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Legal / External Drivers		
Delegate to Staff (Staff develops recommendation	ons;	Boards consult / inform)
Boards have more agency / flexibility - Internal D	river	S
Immediate (2 menth timefrome)		
Immediate (3-month timeframe)		
Evaluation & Supervision of Unified Manager		
Tree Farm		Seens of Work for this item. A decision is peeded. Do we continue the contract with the Tree Form Magnet
Thee Failli		Scope of Work for this item - A decision is needed: Do we continue the contract with the Tree Farm Mngmt Group or take over contract ourselves?
Local Options Tax		This is linked to Cannabis - to be considered together. May feel differently about Cannabis sales if knew how
		tax/revenue might be used
Racial Equity		As with so many tasks, be sure not to get too far ahead without public input. Would be helpful to define
(Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work)		benchmarks for short / mid / long term work. Create rubric / metric by which initiatives/projects are assessed
Planning for ARPA Dollars		
Agreement between Boards about how to		
pursue Separation	_	
Police - Policy & Oversight Role	_	note: slightly higher priority for trustees
Tax Equity (timebound if want in the budget)		note: this topic may need more definition – name the scope of work
Cannabis		see notes for "Local Options Tax" note: time constraint
Next Phase (3-6 month timeframe)		
Existing MOU's		What is the mechanism for the Boards to routinely reviewing this [various MOU's]? Need short list of the
		Questions/Issues for boards to jointly discuss. Have staff do a review - curate short list of decisions needed
Restore trust among board / public with different communication and feedback methods		
communication and recuback methods		
Joint Housing Commission (Affordability of		
housing)		
Capitol Planning / Fund Sharing		
Less Immediate (6+ month time		
frame)		
Energy Conservation / Climate Change		May create a matrix / rubric by which to assess new initiatives note: slightly higher priority for selectboard (?)
Initiatives (getting municipality on carbon neutral		
path)	_	
Expand / Rework Committees (use RACI matrix		
Indoor Recreation Facilities		
Increasing Communication between Boards,		note: may be a slightly higher priority for selectboard
Committees & Work Groups		
Intersection of health & municipal services		Needs more definition. Need to define the scope of work for this item. Are there ways to build this into the lens / assessment / rubric that is routinely used? I.e. is this a livable/workable community?
Jobs / Economic Develop. & Stability		
Village Separation Vote for 11/2021 & all things necessary to get separation charter & plan		Note: preparing charter not a shared / joint board task. Agreement between boards about pursuing separation noted above; this item belongs to Village Trustees.
necessary to get separation charter & plan		nored above, this trent belongs to village trustees.
Budgeting / Planning for Separation		Police Note: not included on the Shared / Joint Board Word Doc
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# Straw Poll: Prioritizing Tasks for the Near Term



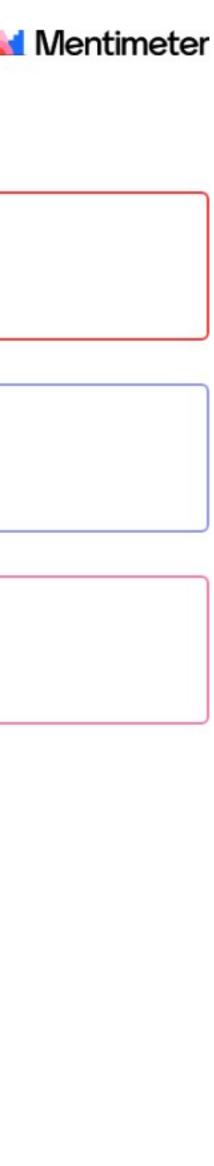
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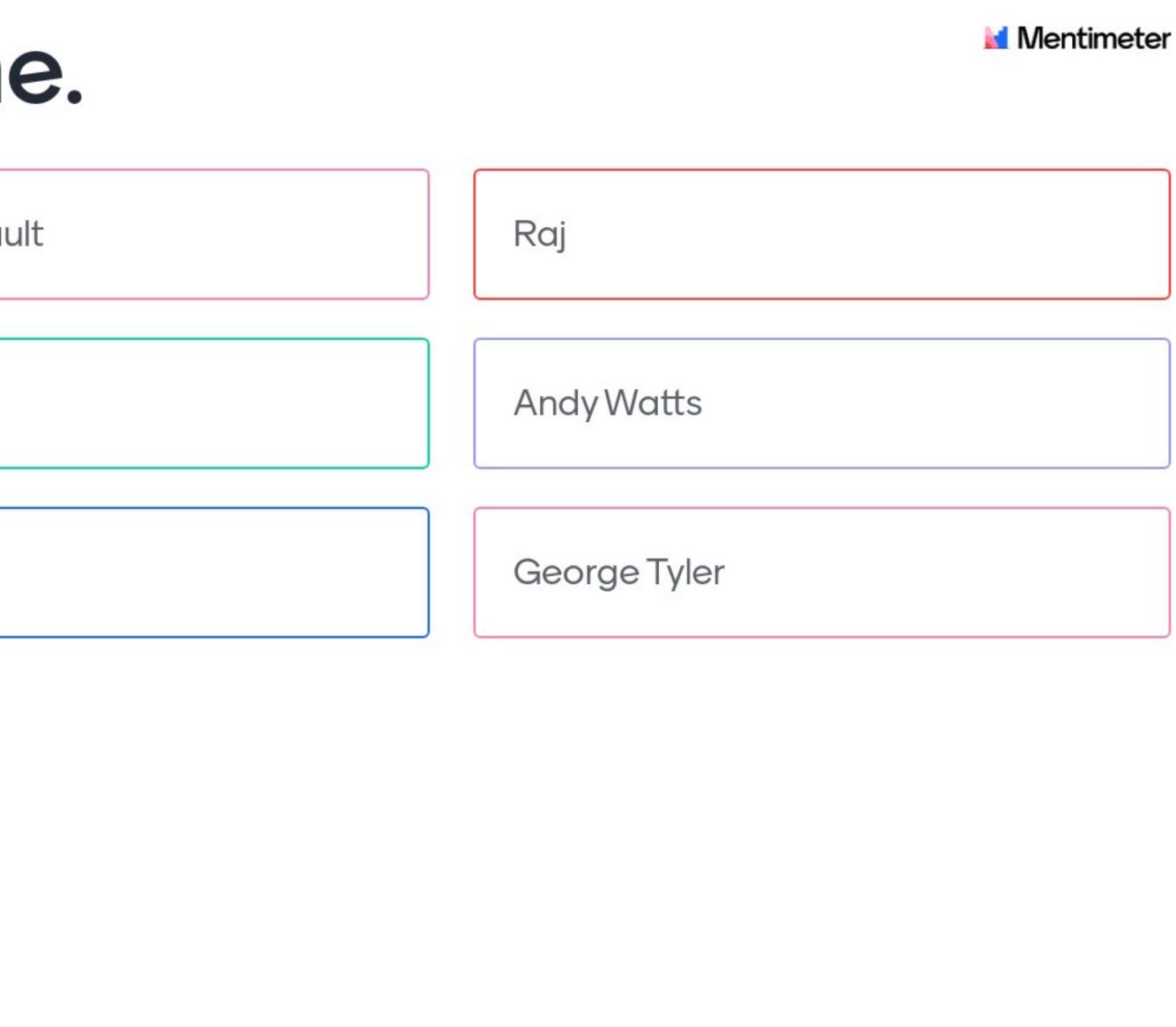


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Tracey	Raj
Pat	Tracey









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## To what extent are the following items of high priority for the staff/boards to pursue in the near term?

Capitol Planning / Fund Sharing

Jobs / Economic Development & Stability

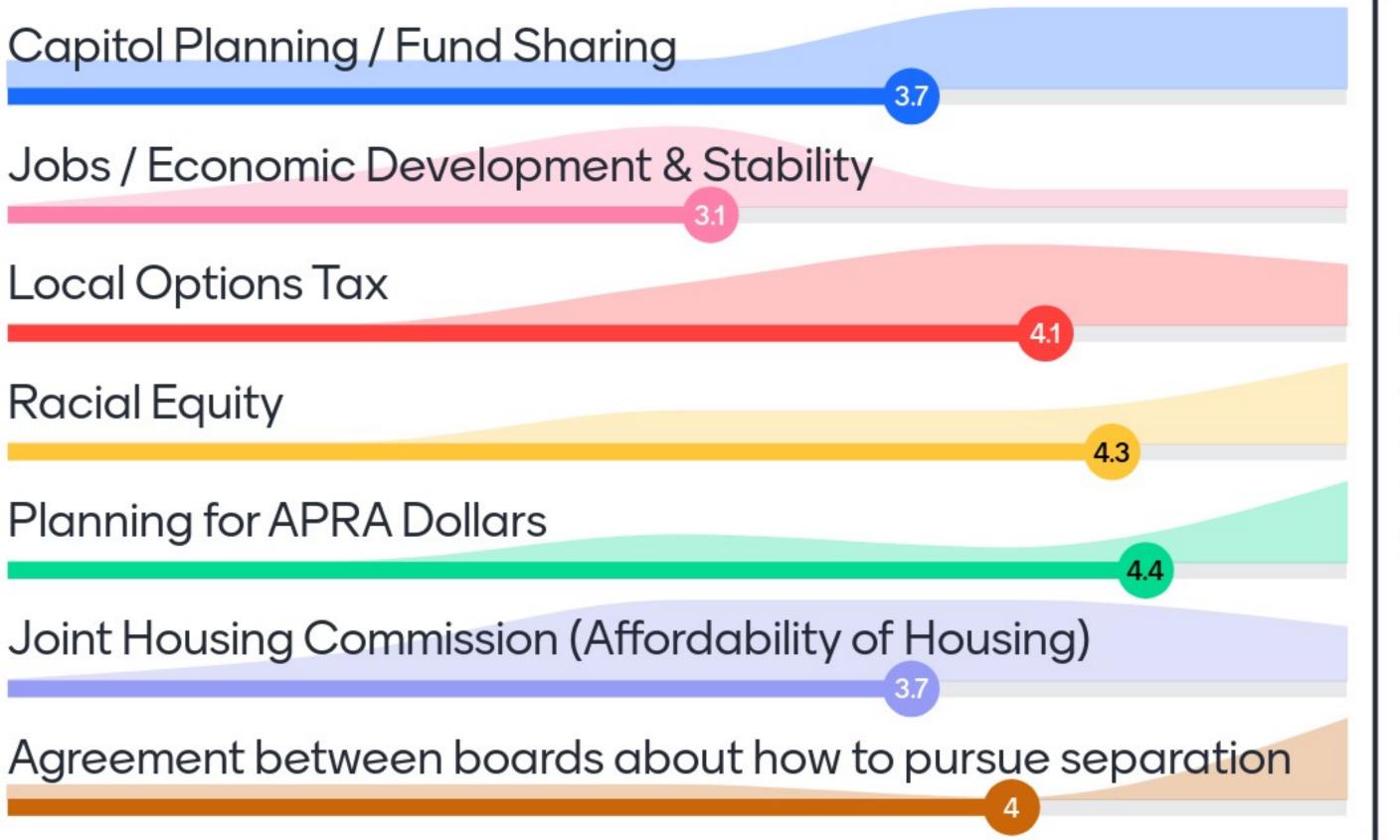
Local Options Tax

Racial Equity

Planning for APRA Dollars

Joint Housing Commission (Affordability of Housing)

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High Priority



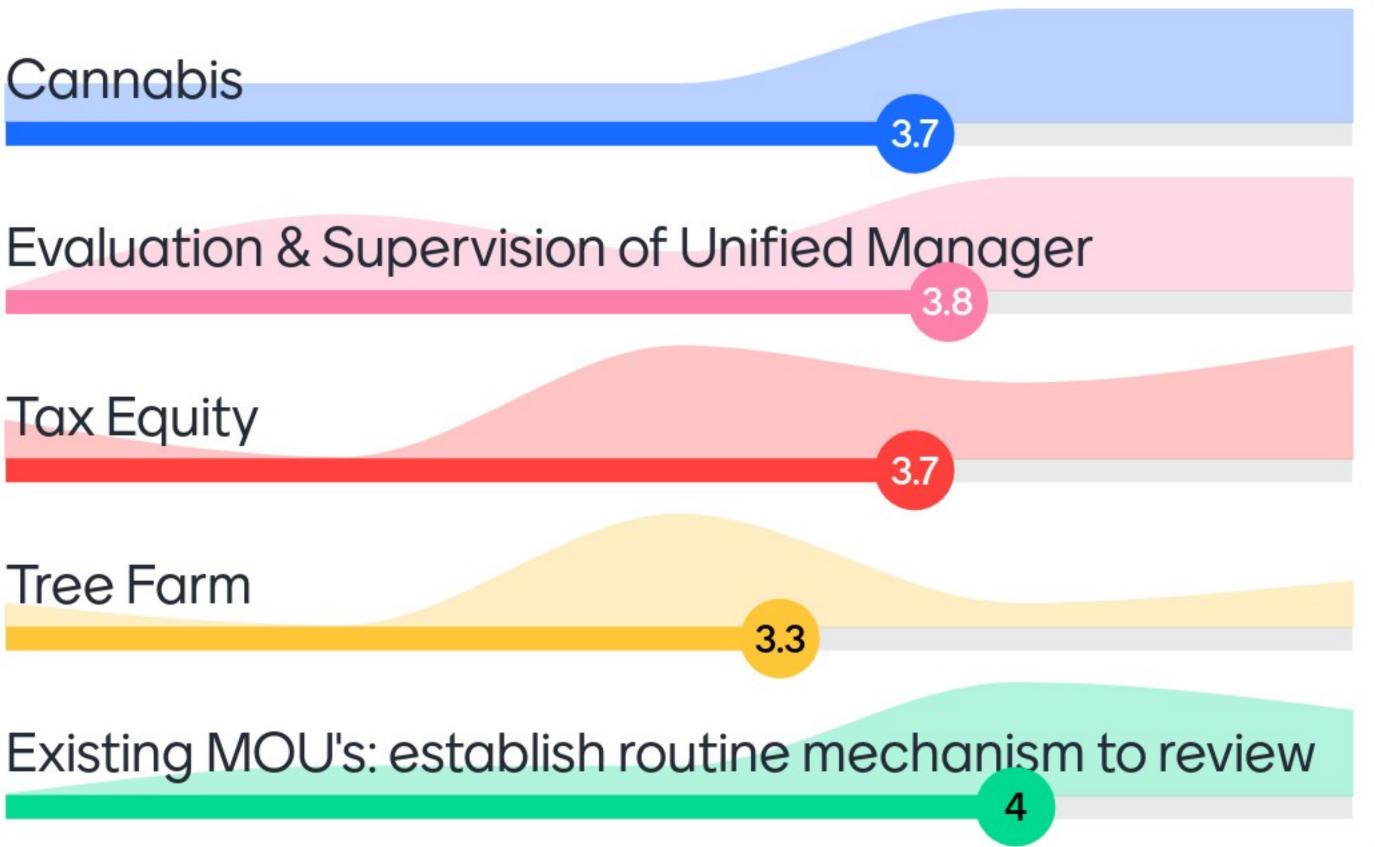




## To what extent are the following items of high priority for the two boards to pursue in the near term?

Strongly disagree

Cannabis		
Evaluation & Supervision		
Tax Equity		
Tree Farm		



Strongly agree





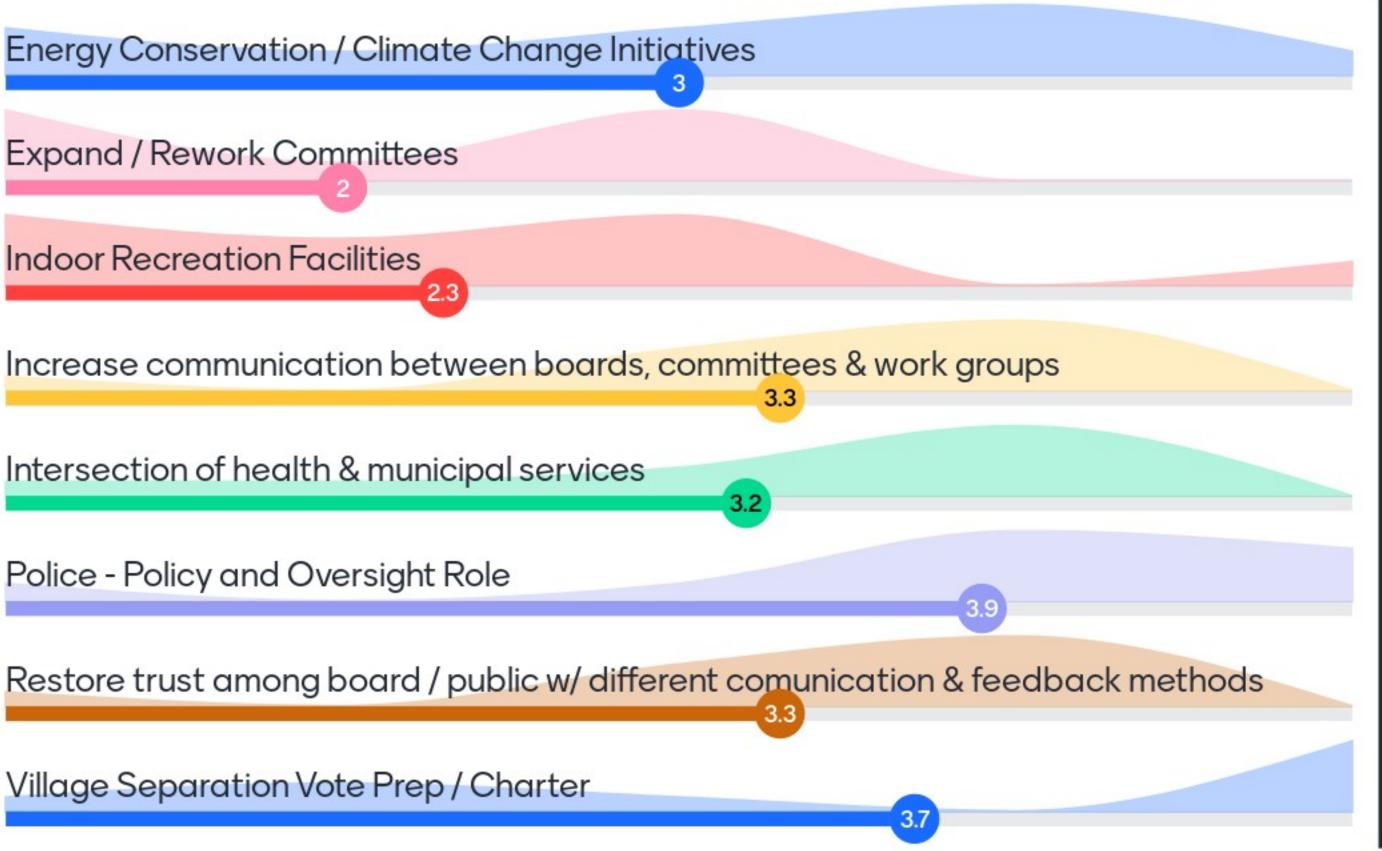


## To what extent are the following items of high priority for the two boards to pursue in the near term?

Energy Conservation / Climate Change Initiatives Expand / Rework Committees Indoor Recreation Facilities Increase communication between boards, committees & work groups Intersection of health & municipal services Police - Policy and Oversight Role

Village Separation Vote Prep / Charter

ow Priority



High Priority







# Thank You







(12:30) June 5, 2021 Joint Board Meeting. Notes from discussion of shared expectations for how staff / mgmt will support two boards' work.

#### THEME: Increase standardization (less duplication)

#### An experiment staff is trying to better manage workflow:

Challenge – Many requests from many parties, all of which we want to honor AND not all of which are fitting into the schedule. Multiple demands of the job we are legally bound to do (which aren't always as obvious to others) and other demands have varying priority. Accommodating all requests is not sustainable. **We need a way to** signal pause / assess priority.

Here's what we're trying - what you can expect from us when a new request for our time comes up:

For bigger asks that require a re-juggling of priorities/responsibilities: we may pause and ask if you would like this to go on the agenda for the full Board to consider. If so, be prepared to discuss (as a group) what goes / gets lower priority in order for us to accommodate the incoming request.

**For smaller asks:** we'll signal that our plates are full, and ask you to be partners with us in figuring out the priority of the request. Example questions we might use to place the ask in context:

- What priority / importance would you give this?
- What are you hoping this will accomplish? (If we understand what is driving the request, there may be other more manageable ways that the need may be met)
- How will this (action, idea, request etc) be helpful to you?

#### Specific Asks:

- 1. Have and retain ability & authority to choose software and programs. *Timeline: next couple of years, until Separation is complete.* Wide Agreement / Support
- 2. Keep procedures aligned and streamlined for both Boards. *Timeline: next couple of years, until Separation is complete.* This item did not have uniform agreement. Committee assignments was an example where there was dissention / concern. Next Step: Staff will outline a brief "time audit" to quantify the volume of work / hours that different processes are requiring, & raise topic again for consideration.
- 3. Budget One per Board. *Timeline: next couple of years, until Separation is complete.* Wide Agreement / Support

- To: Board of Trustees; Selectboard; Evan Teich, Unified Manager
- Cc: Marguerite Ladd, Assistant Manager; Brad Luck, Essex Junction Recreation & Parks Director
- From: Greg Duggan, Deputy Manager
- Re: Village of Essex Junction independence initiative

Date: June 11, 2021

#### lssue

The issue is for the Trustees and Selectboard to discuss the Village of Essex Junction's independence initiative.

#### Discussion

The Trustees have been working on an independence initiative to separate the Village of Essex Junction from the Town of Essex, and will provide an update to the Selectboard and ask how to move forward with the potential for shared services.

On June 8, 2021, the Trustees reviewed reports and recommendations from Brad Luck, who is the Village's staff lead on the independence initiative.

At that meeting, the Trustees decided which municipal departments that an independent City of Essex Junction would like to share with the Town of Essex:

Share: Police, Recreation & Parks Share for a transitional period, if such a period is necessary: Clerk/Treasurer, Finance, IT Separate: all other municipal departments

The joint board meeting on June 15 will be the first opportunity the Selectboard has to hear from the Trustees on their desired path toward independence.

#### Cost

To be determined.

#### Recommendation

This is for information and discussion.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Selectboard; TrusteesFrom: Andy Watts and Andrew BrownDate: June 3, 2021Re: Unified Manager Annual Pay Raise

#### Issue

The issue is whether the Selectboard and the Trustees will authorize a pay raise for Unified Manager, Evan Teich.

#### **Discussion**

The Unified Manager's contract reads: "The Unified Manager shall be eligible for a wage adjustment beginning February 26, 2020. Any such wage adjustment shall be at the Board's discretion, based on satisfactory performance of the Unified Manager and shall be consistent with general wage increases for non-union Town staff, both in terms of the amount of increase and the effective date".

Town and Village staff agreed to take reduced pay raises in Fiscal Year 2021 in the range of 1.5% to 2.25%, based on performance evaluation scores. To remain equitable with all staff, and to comply with the Unified Manager's contract, the Unified Manager should receive a pay raise within this same range. Given that all non-union Town staff receive pay raises effective at the end of their annual evaluation period, the Unified Manager's pay raise should be effective February 26, 2021.

Based upon the reasons discussed and consensus reached between the two boards in Executive Session on 5/24/2021 the recommended motion is for a salary increase of 2%.

#### <u>Cost</u>

The cost is 2% of Evan's salary.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Selectboard and the Trustees authorize a raise for Unified Manager, Evan Teich in the amount of 2% of his salary with an effective date of February 26, 2021. Any raise authorized as of this date would be paid retroactively back to the effective date.

To: Board of Trustees; Selectboard; Evan Teich, Unified Manager

Cc: Marguerite Ladd, Assistant Manager

From: Greg Duggan, Deputy Manager

Re: Future joint meeting schedule

Date: June 11, 2021

#### Issue

The issue is whether the Trustees and Selectboard want to schedule additional joint meetings in the future.

#### Discussion

The boards may wish to discuss and decide how to schedule additional meetings in the future, perhaps with a goal of creating a consistent schedule.

#### Cost

n/a

#### Recommendation

This memo is for and discussion and possible action.

- To: Board of Trustees; Selectboard; Evan Teich, Unified Manager
- **Cc:** Marguerite Ladd, Assistant Manager; Ally Vile, Essex Parks & Recreation Director; Brad Luck, Essex Junction Recreation & Parks Director
- From: Greg Duggan, Deputy Manager
- Re: Executive Session for real estate purchase or lease option

Date: June 10, 2021

#### Issue

The issue is whether the Trustees and Selectboard will enter into executive session to discuss the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease option.

#### Discussion

In order to have a complete and thorough discussion, it would appear that an executive session may be necessary. The negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease option can be a protected discussion.

#### Cost

N/A

#### Recommendation

If the Trustees and Selectboard wish to enter executive session, the following motion is recommended:

"I move that the Selectboard/Trustees enter into executive session to discuss the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease option in accordance with 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(2), to include the Trustees/Selectboard, Unified Manager, Assistant Manager, Essex Parks & Recreation Director, Essex Junction Recreation and Parks Director, and Deputy Manager."

### SELECTBOARD & TRUSTEES (DRAFT)

1 2 3 4 5	נט)	TOWN OF ESSEX SELECTBOARD VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION TRUSTEES DRAFT JOINT MEETING MINUTES Saturday, June 5, 2021				
6 7 8		SELECTBOARD: Andy Watts, Chair; Patrick Murray, Vice Chair; Tracey Delphia; Vince Franco; Dawn Hill-Fleury				
9 10 11	<b>TRUSTEES:</b> Andrew Brown, President; Raj Chawla, Vice President; Dan Kerin; Amber Thibeault; George Tyler					
12 13 14 15	Ma	<b>MINISTRATION and STAFF:</b> Evan Teich, Unified Manager; Greg Duggan, Deputy Manager; arguerite Ladd, Assistant Manager; Brad Luck, Essex Junction Recreation and Parks (EJRP) ector; Sarah Macy, Finance Director; Linda Mahns, Administrative Assistant				
16 17 18		<b>THERS PRESENT:</b> Patty Davis; Essex ReTorter; Maureen Gillard; Jennifer Knauer; Joe Percy; vid Skopin; Irene Wrenner.				
19 20 21 22	1.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> Mr. Brown called the Village of Essex Junction Board of Trustees to order for the Joint meeting with the Essex Selectboard at 8:11 AM.				
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32		Mr. Watts called the Town of Essex Selectboard to order for the Joint meeting with the Village of Essex Junction Board of Trustees at 8:11 AM.				
	2.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES There were no additions or changes to the agenda.				
	3.	APPROVE AGENDA With no changes to the agenda, approval was not required.				
33 34 35	4.	PUBLIC TO BE HEARD Mr. Skopin spoke about the need to work together towards climate issues.				
35 36 37		Ms. Davis asked for attorneys to be present at all joint board meetings.				
38 39 40		Ms. Wrenner mentioned a 2018 joint board meeting, expressing a need for representation for both towns.				
41 42 43 44		<b>BUSINESS ITEMS</b> Joint Board Strategic Planning Meeting Ms. Knauer was introduced as the moderator of this meeting and gave the scope of work for the day's meeting. The boards and staff went around the room to give short introductions.				
45 46 47 48	b.	Prioritize Joint Board Projects The following categories were discussed during the initial part of this meeting:				
49 50 51 52 53		<ul> <li>Legal – Externally Driven         <ul> <li>Tax Equity – timeline needed, if want on the current draft budget</li> <li>Tree Farm – deadline present for June 2022</li> </ul> </li> <li>Existing MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) – Mr. Tyler asked what (if any) joint MOUs are existing that need our attention in this next year. Mr. Duggan mentioned some</li> </ul>				

SELECTBOARD & TRUSTEES

#### (DRAFT)

54 55 57 58 59 60 61			<ul> <li>Public Works MOUs. Mr. Teich spoke about unforeseen MOUs that may have implications if separation occurs. <u>ACTION ITEM</u>: Staff will create a review of what is existing to report back to boards on what is pending, what is needed for joint board attention, and in what timeframe. The intention is to categorize and create a policy for this with standardization for timelines.</li> <li>Evaluation and Supervision of Unified Manager – ongoing need Cannabis – there is a set deadline from the State for this topic</li> </ul>
62		Deleg	ate to Staff – Staff develops recommendations, Board(s) informs/consults
63		•	Jobs/Economic Development and Stability
64		•	Local Options Tax
65		•	Planning for ARPA Dollars
66		•	Racial Equity (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work)
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69		Board	<u>Is have more agency – flexibility. Internal drivers</u>
70		•	Agreement between boards about how to pursue separation
71		•	Budgeting/Planning for Separation
72		•	Police (Policy and Oversight)
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74		<u>Uncat</u>	tegorized
75		•	Indoor Recreation Facilities
76		•	Expand/Rework Committee (RACI matrixes)
77		•	Village separation vote for November 2021 and all things necessary to get a final
78			separation charter and plan
79		•	Intersection of health & municipal services
80		•	Increasing communication between boards, committees and work groups
81		٠	Climate Change - Energy conservation / solar projects (Getting municipality carbon
82			neutral)
83		٠	Joint Housing Commission
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85 86	•	Deter	mine Accountable / Dechanoible Dertics for Drievitized Kome
86 87	C.		mine Accountable / Responsible Parties for Prioritized Items 1 AM, after a morning break, an interactive poll was generated for the board members to
88			et priorities. The objective was to confirm 3-5 most urgent / pressing priorities for Joint
89			Projects. A long discussion occurred to try to prioritize a list of approximately 19 items.
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90 91		Δt 11·	35 AM, after a second break, another exercise was attempted to determine a priority list –
92			e of color coding these options to possibly determine the top 5-6 items to take on first.
93			came out of a discussion were the following items ranked the top items, but this list is not in
94			articular order.
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96		•	Planning for ARPA Dollars
97		•	Local options tax
98		•	Capitol Planning/Fund Sharing
99		•	Jobs/Economic Development & Stability
100		•	Racial Equity
101		•	Agreement between boards about how to pursue separation
102		•	Existing MOUs

#### **SELECTBOARD & TRUSTEES** (DRAFT)

103 Police – Policy and Oversight Increase communication and trust between boards. 104 105 d. Develop shared expectations for how staff / management will support two boards' work. 106 107 The objective: Staff invited to outline proposed availability - how staff is planning to 108 manage the demand of two Boards for the short term. 109 110 Mr. Duggan summarized the needs of the staff: to reduce duplication and create standardization and efficiencies for applications as well 111 112 as tasks. to keep key procedures streamlined which means to keep things as staff has aligned them 113 114 and then have a discussion later once status of separation is more known/determined. - to have one working budget per board - to not create what-if budget scenarios. 115 - to work more in partnership with and full acceptance from the boards to set expectations 116 and priorities on tasks. 117 118 119 ACTION ITEM: Staff will delineate the tasks for procedures to have a future discussion with the 120 boards. 121 With regards to determining how things are working, Ms. Knauer asked everyone if there's a 122 123 process for the staff to report back to the board. Mr. Murray spoke about self-evaluations as a 124 board tool for evaluations how they are doing and how operating back to staff and residents and 125 stated this is not being utilized currently. 126 127 128 e. Develop shared expectations for working with each other on Joint Board Projects 129 /Operating Agreements as needed. The objective: Identify a mechanism / shared 130 understanding: if a conflict comes up re a shared project, how would we resolve it? 131 A slide was shared on Board Priorities, outlining 3 main topics: 132 133 - Each Board controls its own priorities; 134 - Joint priorities require majority support of each Board independently; 135 - Unexpected emergency supersedes all other priorities. 136 137 Mr. Chawla asked the question if one board wishes to direct the staff in one way and the other 138 board disagrees, how might this get resolved between boards? Mr. Teich offered the opportunity 139 to discuss issues and priorities with him so he can delegate staff. 140 141 Mr. Watts spoke about negotiating between the boards as the way to resolve potential issues 142 going forward. Mr. Teich spoke about the boards strategizing issues to determine what can come to a yes – in other words, to ask the question: what is keeping a dissenting vote from saying yes 143 144 to a plan or initiative or decision. 145 146 f. Bring the "operating agreements" conversation to a natural close (15-20 min) Wrap-up & 147 148 Next Steps 149 Ms. Knauer asked if everyone got what they needed for today's session and asked for closing 150 comments around the room. Mr. Teich closed with a thank you, saying staff works for both 151 boards and community and working together helps us all. 152 153 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION 154

### SELECTBOARD & TRUSTEES (DRAFT)

- a. An executive session is not anticipated.
- An executive session did not take place.

#### 158 159 **7. <u>ADJOURN</u>** 160

AMBER THIBEAULT made a motion, seconded by RAJ CHAWLA, that the Trustees adjourn
 the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 at 1:00 PM. DAN KERIN left early and was not present for
 the vote.

PATRICK MURRAY made a motion, seconded by TRACEY DELPHIA, that the Selectboard
 adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0 at 1:00 PM.

- 168 Respectfully Submitted,
- 169 Linda Mahns
- 170 Recording Secretary
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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 158TH FIGHTER WING (ACC) SOUTH BURLINGTON VERMONT



29 April 2021

Colonel David W. Shevchik, Jr. 158th Fighter Wing Commander 105 NCO Drive South Burlington, Vermont 05403

Chittenden County City Council Leaders and Town Managers

Dear City Council Leaders and Town Managers,

When I last provided an update on the 158<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, one year ago, we were balancing the demands of supporting Vermont's COVID-19 response, training in our growing fleet of F-35s, and actively serving our communities in and out of uniform. I'd like to share the progress the women and men of the Green Mountain Boys have made in these and other efforts this past year.

In our ongoing support to Vermont's COVID-19 response mission, the numbers speak for themselves. Almost 100 Airmen, nearly 10% of our total force, have supported this mission. Two separate times, we assisted in the construction of a 400-bed alternate health facility to relieve patient loads in local hospitals, and at one point treated 35% of Vermont's COVID-19 patients in that facility. To date, we have delivered nearly 3 million meals, produced 140,000 and shipped more than 180,000 test kits, completed 6,500 contact tracing calls, collected nearly 35,000 medical samples, and administered more than 14,000 vaccines.

We received our 20th and final F-35 in October of 2020. Our F-35 training is on track and we will exit conversion at the end of calendar year 2021. Our training and flying schedule will remain similar to the past year, and we will continue to notify the public if there are any significant deviations.

In addition to our rigorous training schedule, and continued support to the COVID-19 response mission, we safely deployed over 75 Airmen around the world in support of CENTCOM, EUCOM and AFRICOM areas of responsibility. We started welcoming the first wave of deployed Airmen home this month, which is always a joy.

Some of our lesser known work includes partnerships to serve our local communities in a variety of ways. Our fire department is the primary crash, fire, and emergency response to all incidents on Burlington International Airport, and routinely provides mutual aid to surrounding towns, including 214 responses for fire, medical and other emergencies in FY20. Our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team routinely partners with civil authorities, and this past year safely recovered and destroyed 114 ordnance and 1,138 small arms rounds. Our EOD team support extends beyond Vermont; they swept more than 40 acres of the Adirondack Range for explosive hazards, and

removed more than 15 tons of scrap and 316 ordnance and they also support the US Secret Service in Very Important Persons visits in the region.

Our economic impact to local communities is significant. We offer more than 400 fulltime jobs, totaling more than \$55M in salary. Several of our part time members travel to the base from outside 50 miles and are lodged in local hotels for a total of \$184k. We have also awarded more than \$4.5M in local business contracts and our fire and emergency services provided more than \$3M in mutual aid support during FY20.

Our commitment to protecting the environment remains steadfast. A few recent local news articles have mentioned the potential environmental impact of chemicals previously used in fire suppression foam. It is important to remember that no drinking water wells are currently impacted; the base, airport, and community outside the base are connected to the Champlain Water District public water supply. We have completed three phases of the federal cleanup process. The preliminary assessment evaluated the most probable areas of concern. During the site investigation, on-base ground and surface water data was collected. Off base ground and surface water data was collected during the third phase, the expanded site inspection. The next step in our Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process is the Remedial Investigation. This will entail additional sampling data collection and complete human and ecological risk assessments. We are fully committed to this process, and will remain transparent with all efforts.

Finally, we understand that our flying operations affect the community and we continue to mitigate that impact as much as possible, while still fulfilling our federal flying mission responsibilities that we've been entrusted with. We have adjusted takeoffs and landings to lessen noise, and even adjusted flight patterns to accommodate for local outdoor events when community partners have requested. Later this year, we expect the FAA to implement soundproofing measures which will enhance local resident's quality of life. We're working closely with our partners at Burlington International Airport to provide as much support during this process as needed.

Our enduring partnership with Burlington Airport is strong and continues to grow. As we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, they celebrate their 100th. In honor of our anniversary year, we will be hosting a small, closed ceremony, on June 6, D-Day. This ceremony will honor our current members and our veterans, and culminate with a flyby. I invite you to watch the ceremony live online and will share more information in the coming weeks.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to provide a brief update and for all you do in service to our communities. As you can see, we have a lot to be proud of. We could not do this work without the trust and support of our families and communities.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. SHEVCHIK, Jr., Colonel, VTANG Commander, 158th Fighter Wing

#### **MEETING SCHEDULES**

06/11/2021

TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETINGS		VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEETINGS	
June 14, 2021 – 4:00 PM	VB Special – Darby CANCELED		
June 15, 2021 – 6:30 PM	Joint Board S	pecial Meeting – Amy	
June 21, 2021 – 6:30 PM	SB Regular –	Cathy	
June 22, 2021 – 6:30 PM	VB Regular	Darby	
July 12, 2021 – 6:30 PM	SB Regular	Cathy	
July 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM	VB Regular	Amy	
August 2, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular Cathy		
August 10, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular	Amy	
August 17, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular –	Cathy	
August 24, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular	Amy	
September 13, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular	Cathy	
September 14, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular –	Darby	
October 4, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular – I	Darby	
October 12, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular		
October 18, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular		
October 26, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular		
November 1, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular		
November 2, 2021 – 8:30 AM	VB All day bu	dget workshop – Darby	
November 9, 2021 – 8:00 AM	SB All day buo	lget workshop	
November 9, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular –	Cathy	
November 15, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular	Darby	
November 23, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular –	Darby	
December 6, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular	Cathy	
December 14, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular	Amy	
December 20, 2021—6:30 PM	SB Regular –	Cathy	
December 21, 2021—6:30 PM	VB Regular		
January 3, 2022—6:30 PM	SB Regular	Amy	
January 11, 2022—6:30 PM	VB Regular –	Darby	

January 18, 2022—6:30 PM	SB Regular
January 25, 2022—6:30 PM	VB Regular Cathy
February 7, 2022—6:30 PM	SB Regular
February 8, 2022—6:30 PM	VB Regular
February 22, 2022—6:30 PM	VB Regular Cathy
February 23, 2022—6:30 PM	SB Regular meeting
February 28, 2022—6:30 PM	Town Informational hearing
March 7, 2022—6:30 PM	SB Regular
March 8, 2022—6:30 PM	VB Regular
March 21, 2022—6:30 PM	SB Regular
March 22, 2022—6:30 PM	VB Regular Cathy
April 4, 2022—6:30 PM	SB Regular
April 6, 2022 – 7:00 PM	Village Informational hearing Cathy
April 13, 2022—6:30 PM	VB Regular