

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH TOWN OF ESSEX SELECTBOARD  
JANUARY 15, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Tyler (Village President), Elaine Sopchak and Andrew Brown.  
**ESSEX SELECTBOARD:** Linda Myers (Chair), Max Levy, Irene Wrenner and Brad Luck.  
**HEART AND SOUL:** Susan McCormack, Liz Subin, John Alden, Bob McEwing, Polly McEwing and Ariana McBride (Orton Foundation).  
**ADMINISTRATION:** Trevor Lashua, Assistant Town Manager.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting took place at the Essex Alliance Church Community Center, 37 Old Stage Road, Essex, VT. It was by invitation from the Heart and Soul of Essex and started at 6:00 PM.

**II. CONVERSATION WITH HEART AND SOUL OF ESSEX**

The meeting commenced with introductions. Sue McCormack and Liz Subin, representing the Heart and Soul of Essex, facilitated the meeting. The attendees named the features of living in Essex and Essex Junction that most appealed to them. The attendees each named a particular episode or experience that, for them, personified the community. The attendees identified values that contributed to the Essex community's quality of life. The attendees identified and discussed trends that they hope to see continue over the next 20 years, and trends or aspects of the community that they hope will change.

Subin and McCormack explained the Heart and Soul process. They said that they had held over 20 community conversations between citizens similar to the present one. They said they hoped to reach over 30 conversations. They explained that they take careful notes of each conversation and that tabulating, summarizing, and analyzing the results of those conversations will constitute the next phase of the Heart and Soul Program.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.



*Minutes respectfully submitted by George Tyler, Village President*