

Meeting Minutes

Essex Long Term Planning Committee (“LTPC”)
May 13, 2008; 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Essex Senior Center

Attendees: Bob Coviello, Susan Lufkin, Ed Howard, Wes Burnham, Tom Guertner, Andrew St. John, Peter Kellerman, John Corcoran, Mike Dyer, Peter Silva.

Minutes should be ex-officio:

Wes Burnham was the Chairman for this meeting.

- 1) A motion was made to accept the minutes of April 22, 2008. The motion was unanimous to accept the minutes.
- 2) Bob Coviello spoke on the school essay contest regarding the sixth grade essay contest.
- 3) The Chamber of Commerce and the Business Group will meet on June 24th at 8:00 am.
- 4) Essex Merchant Group- Ed Howard spoke about the great strides that the group has made, listing a few as the Essex River Race, Art in the Barn, Essex River Ride to be held, River Fest, Pumkin Fest, and the Turkey Trot as well as other events that will be held in Essex. Ed also reports that the turnout at the meetings has been encouraging.
- 5) Community Meetings: Members of LTPC meeting with the Seniors Monday May 19th at 1 pm to discuss their thoughts on the future of Essex.
- 6) The discussions continued on the “Coffee Sessions” to be held for neighbors and friends input on the future of Essex.
- 7) Town Meeting feedback: Andrew St. John suggested that we get all pertinent information regarding Conomo Point to refresh our recollection of the differences. This information may include minutes to their meetings, and town votes on Conomo Point.
- 8) Failed Overlay District: Ed Howard expressed concern that residents input about the future of Essex may need to include merchants, as well as the traveling public. He emphasized that as a group, we need to focus on “Listening”. The Planning Board plans to introduce items for Town Meeting
- 9) Coffee Sessions: Mike Dyer discussed the content of the “Coffee Sessions” that will be held and the feedback that taken from those sessions. The simple lead

question is “What do you think are the important issues facing Essex? The feedback from residents should take a natural course on its own.

- 10) Survey: Discussion about the LTFC survey on what the public’s thoughts and input about where they would like Essex to be in 25 years or in the future. Mike Dyer and John Corcoran will work on the website for the feedback tracking.
- 11) Broadcast: Mike Dyer recommended to send a broadcast to all committee members to come to our meetings.
- 12) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Peter Silva
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