

City of Essex Junction Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Members present: Bethany Clark, Thomas Coen, Elaine Haney, Steve Eustis, Candace Morgan, Brian Shelden, Gabrielle Smith, Marlon Verasamy

Absent: Deb McAdoo

Staff present: Brad Luck

Members of the public present: None

Chair Steve Eustis was late so Vice Chair Marlon Verasamy called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

There was no public to be heard. Bethany Clark moved and Thomas Coen seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Bethany reviewed the experience at Meet Me on Main!. The community interactions were positive and successful; just a general wish that we could have tabled at all of them and gotten more input. Marlon shared that he and Steve Eustis presented the committee's progress the City Council the night before; the Council was receptive and looks forward to the final presentation.

Brad Luck discussed updates to materials for the public. Thomas Coen shared concern about confusion regarding the descriptions of city council president and mayor. The committee members agreed the new language provided by Brad offered more clarity.

Thomas and Gabrielle volunteered to be on the Junction City News Program on 10/27.

The Committee reviewed and revised the Community Conversations and Focus Group agendas. There was discussion of adding a virtual Community Conversation. The last day of the survey was identified as Sunday, November 16.

Steve motioned for adjournment. Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:07p.m.