

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the town's website, at www.essexma.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so via Conference Call. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The link to the video conference is: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ekirchner4>, and, if prompted, the on-line meeting ID is ekirchner4. Depending on your device and software installed, you may be able to join directly, by web browser, or, you may have to download the application directly (you will be shown that choice when you go to the above link). You should be joined in mute mode. However, if that is not the case, please click on the audio icon to mute your microphone. You can choose to activate your camera to show yourself, or not. The camera should be off, by default, when you join.

If you do not have a digital device to join via the link above, you can also dial a telephone number and be directly connected to the meeting, via audio only. The call-in-only number is: (701) 802-5235 and the access code is 8394489. If prompted, the PIN is 9700.

Dr. David Driscoll, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and announced that it was being held virtually. Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk, and Ms. Ann White, Administrative Clerk, also participated remotely. Dr. Fares Mouchantaf joined the meeting in progress. Ms. Ruth Pereen, Board of Selectmen Chairperson, also participated remotely. Ms. Erin Kirchner, BOH Administrator was not in attendance.

- **Other Concerns, Issues & BOH Business**

Mosquito Control: Discussion on whether the Board should recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town of Essex opt out of spraying by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB). To opt out of spraying conducted by the SRMCB, Essex must first have an alternative mosquito management plan approved by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) or be part of the Mosquito Control Project (MCD). The deadline for submittal of SRMCB opt out application is 5/15/21.

After much discussion, the Board agreed to Table this issue and scheduled another BOH meeting for 5/5/21.

Dr. Driscoll closed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Next BOH meeting: 05-05-21

Prepared by: _____
Ann White

Attested by: _____
Ms. Sally Ann Rich, Clerk

Signed date: _____