

**TOWN OF ESSEX  
OFFICIAL RESULTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 3, 2026**

Number of voters on Checklist: 9,171  
Total votes cast March 3, 2026 town election: 1,516

**Results of March 3, 2026 Australian ballot vote:**

**ARTICLE I.** Shall the Town adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$17,189,166?

Yes: 1,125      No: 379      Blank: 12

**ARTICLE II.** Shall the Town of Essex vote to appropriate an amount equal to 1% of the General Fund Budget, as passed by voters, to the Essex Human Services Contributions Fund to support social service organizations, such amount being reasonably necessary and for the support of programs to benefit Town of Essex residents?

Yes: 1,124      NO: 379      Blank: 13

**ARTICLE III.** Shall the voters of the Town of Essex advise the Selectboard to continue overall progress on implementing the new municipal complex at 80-90 Upper Main Street, for which the Selectboard adopted a conceptual Master Plan in March 2025? (Advisory)

Yes: 1,031      NO: 466      Blank: 19

**ARTICLE IV.** Shall the voters of the Town of Essex advise the Selectboard to complete public infrastructure design as the first step toward potential construction at 80-90 Upper Main Street, which was purchased in 2023, to serve a new municipal complex, and for which the Selectboard adopted a conceptual Master Plan in March 2025, under the following conditions? (Advisory)

1. Only the following funding sources are eligible to cover Town costs: capital funds, impact fees, \$500,000 in eligible grant funding and any other grant awards, donations, Reserve funds, approved fund balance assignments, and/or Local Option Tax revenue, should any local option taxes be approved by voters.
2. Construction of any portion of the new municipal complex project shall not occur without future voter input.
3. Costs for this infrastructure design phase of work, currently estimated at \$1.5 million, do not exceed \$2 million to come from the sources listed above.

Yes: 1,032      No: 465      Blank: 19

**ARTICLE V.** Shall the voters approve setting the number of Essex Development Review Board members to five (5), in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 4460(f)?

Yes: 774      No: 719      Blank: 23

**Election of the following:**

**Moderator, 1 vacancy (1-year term)**

**Selectboard, 2 vacancies (3-year terms)**

**Selectboard, 1 vacancy (1-year term)**

Moderator (1): John Sonnick	1,286
Write-In	10
Blank:	220

Selectboard (2): 3-year terms

Andy Watts:	977
Ken Signorello:	575
Meg Zimmerman	1,012
Write-ins:	25
Blank:	443

Selectboard (1): 1-year term

Ethan Lawrence:	760
Noah Detzer:	597
Write-ins:	8
Blank:	152

Attest: Tatsiana Bussiere, Town Clerk