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Volunteer Application - Town of Essex Economic Development Commission - Submission #519

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Essex Economic Development Commission

Term: Three-year term

Appointment: Town of Essex Selectboard

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APPLICATION

First Name*

Kenneth

Last Name*

Signorello

Physical Address*

[REDACTED]

Applicants must be a resident of the Town of Essex.

Email Address*

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Why are you interested in volunteering for the Economic Development Commission?*

I hope to put focus on the agricultural aspect of Essex economics. There are many small farm to table operations as well as animal boarding and training including horses that I would like to see inventoried and promoted. There are a number of sugar houses alone that would likely be missed via a Secretary of State provided database. Lumber and wood production is another area I want to fully recognize and support as it is one way we can sequester carbon.

I believe that local Agribusiness is a neglected area that will become more important as transportation costs rise and climate change eliminates past sources of food. There is an incidental benefit to a working landscape: Tourism.

I am also interested in AgriVoltaics. Solar farms don't have to take land out of agricultural production.

Vermont and Essex have programs to encourage keeping land open and working. I would make a direct outreach effort to make sure qualifying landowners are aware of these opportunities.

Finally the current makeup of the Commission included a number of future City members that will leave the commission. I believe this is the one commission that will need new members more than some others.

Do you have any personal aspirations that could be enhanced by your service on this commission?*

No

Do you have any special skills, expertise, connections, or experience that you believe could be beneficial to the work of the commission?*

I own multiple businesses here in Essex.
I have clients that are all businesses providing exposure to different kinds of businesses.
I am an information system designer and builder (40 years),
On the agricultural front I have a BS in Forest Management with graduate work here at UVM.
I have been studying and interacting with our local government for three years although I have lived in Essex for 16.

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3. SIGNATURE: By typing my full name, I authorize the information in this application, with the exception of my email address and phone number, to be included in a public meeting packet for board consideration and public interview.*

Kenneth Signorello

4. DATE SIGNED:*

5/27/2022
