

**TOWN OF CHESTER ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2019**

Moderator William E. Dakin, Jr. called the Town Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Dakin asked the voters if there was any objection to non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin introduced the Select Board, Lee Gustafson, Ben Whalen, Heather Chase and Arne Jonynas, Town Manager, David Pisha and Town Clerk, Deborah Aldrich.

Moderator Dakin introduced Tom Bock, State Representative. Representative Bock spoke about Springfield Hospital and some of the Acts and Bills that are being discussed in Montpelier. Moderator Dakin then introduced State Senator Alice Clarkson. Senator Clarkson also spoke about Acts and Bills being discussed in Montpelier.

Moderator Dakin then read the warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 and 2 will be by Australian ballot on March 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. (Australian Ballot). Results attached.**

**ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of paving the following roads: Route 35, Green Mountain Turnpike from Route 103 to bottom of Flamstead Road, Coach Road, First Avenue and Sylvan Road? (Australian Ballot) Results attached.**

**ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters eliminate the office of Town Grand Juror effective immediately?** Julie Hance moved Article 3 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Amber Wilson asked if someone could explain what the Town Grand Juror does and why does the Town want to eliminate this position. There was no explanation. William Lindsay made a motion to table Article 3 until the next Town Meeting. Seconded by Amber Wilson. Article 3 tabled until next Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 4:**

**Shall the voters rescind and eliminate the election of members to an Advisory Budget Committee, effective immediately?** Ben Whalen moved Article 4 as written. Seconded by Julie Hance. Nancy Lindsay asked what the purpose was of removing. Arne Jonynas explained that it was just an advisory committee and no one has run for the position in years. Nancy Lindsay asked if the committee is appointed. Kathy Pellett asked if the Town wanted to eliminate the Budget Committee all together or just the election of a Budget Committee. Julie Hance explained that the Budget Committee was established in the 1950's by Article. From that Article there should be 27 members, with members from the Schools and Supervisory Union. With a Town Manger form of government, Towns do not usually have a Budget Committee. The Town Attorney's advice is to eliminate the elected position of a Budget Committee and the Select Board can establish an Advisory Budget Committee. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 5:**

**To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Rosemarie Dube, \$500.00; Deanna and Norman Stowell, \$250.00.** Leigh Dakin moved Article 5 as written. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 6:**

**Shall the voters establish a reserve fund in an amount not to exceed 20% of the amount raised in taxes to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay nonrecurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804(a)?** Kathy Pellett moved Article 6 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Fred Greenwell asked for clarification of the Article. David Pisha explained that VLCT and Auditors had advised the Town to establish a Reserve Fund to help with emergencies. The goal over time is to grow the fund to a maximum of 20% of the annual budget, this will not be reached for decades. Margie Straub explained that the way the Article is worded is that it could be done in one year. Arne Jonynas advised that the money would come from a surplus and there is a policy that will be established. Bill Lindsay advised that people need to read the town report. The Town's total bond indebtedness is \$1.6 million. Deb Epler asked if there would have to be voter approval to move money into this fund and will there have to be voter approval to spend money from this fund. Arne Jonynas replied there would be voter approval to move money into this fund, but not voter approval to spend money from this fund. Arne Jonynas explained that this Article was to only vote to establish a Reserve Fund. Fred Greenwell explained that he felt that it is not how this article reads. Fred Greenwell made a motion to table this article to the next town meeting. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Tory Spater asked if it is 20% of surplus or 20% of the total budget. David Pisha explained that the fund can never be over 20% of the total budget. After more discussion Moderator Dakin explained that there would be a vote on the motion to table. Motion to table defeated. Moderator Dakin explained that there would now be a vote on the Article 6 as written. Derrick Suursoo asked for a point of order to discuss the

Article. Derrick Suursoo explained that he is not in support of this article as written. The Article should be clearly stated. Jay Blodgett made a motion to amend Article 6; to establish a Reserve Fund only, to not fund the Reserve Fund this year and at the next town meeting establish rules for funding and disbursement and present it to the voters. Seconded by Robbo Holleran. Tim Roper asked for clarification of statute. Does that statute establish. Are there other towns that have this fund and have other towns had issues? Arne Jonynas read the statute. Moderator Dakin asked for a division of the house: 63 in favor of the amendment, 34 opposed to the amendment. Article 6, as Amended, voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 7:** **To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,087,586.86 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 16, 2019, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.** Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 7 as written. Seconded by Kathy Pellett. Town Manager David Pisha made a power point presentation. (copy attached). Article 7 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 8:** **To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$490,414.38 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department; \$46,600.00 for the Excavator lease for the highway department; \$40,000 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Highway Department; \$35,000 to be used for the purchase of air paks (\$22,500) and turnout gear (\$12,500) for the Fire Department; \$13,800 for the purchase of a new computer server for the Police Department; \$4,157.00 to be used for maintenance of operating facilities and \$225,857.38 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.** David Liebttag moved Article 8 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 9:** **To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Gassetts Grange #327. The municipal taxes in 2018 for the Gassetts Grange #327 were \$1,439.52 and \$2,590.04 for Education.** Leigh Dakin moved Article 9 as written. Seconded by Nonie Spaulding. Kathy Giurtino asked why is there an exemption for the Grange? Leigh Dakin referred to page 112 of the Annual Report for a letter from Grange. Margie Straub made a motion to amend Article 9 from a five-year exemption to a one-year exemption. Seconded by Marilyn Mahusky. Wanda Purdy explained that this property has been exempted from taxation every five years for many years. They have had some major issues with flooding and the listers will be reducing their assessment. They cannot use the building. Moderator Dakin reread the amendment. The Amendment to change from five years to one year failed. Derek Suursoo spoke on behalf of the Grange and explained that the Grange does a lot for the community. Douglas Green, representing the Grange,

advised that the Grange has estimates of around \$50,000 to repair the Grange Hall. Article 9 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 10:** **Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. for continued support and services to the citizen of the Town of Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691. (By Petition)** David Liebttag moved Article 10 as written. Seconded by Nancy Lindsay. Nancy Lindsay spoke on behalf of Meals on Wheels. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 11:** **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Labor Day weekend, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.** David Liebttag moved Article 11 as written. Seconded by Bill Lindsay. Bill Lindsay thanked Pat Budnick for her many years of organizing the fireworks. Ron Farrar spoke on behalf of the American Legion. It is the American Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The American Legion will have control of the fireworks this year and the fireworks will be on July 5<sup>th</sup>. On July 6<sup>th</sup> there will be an all-day affair of activities going on at the American Legion. The fireworks will not be Labor Weekend. Article 11 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 12:** **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** Leigh Dakin moved Article 12 as written. Seconded by Rebecca Brown. Leigh Dakin advised that the Visiting Nurse's report was on page 121 of the Annual Report. Article 12 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 13:** **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** Sandra Vincent moved Article 13 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 14:** **Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 14 as written. Seconded by Kathy Giurtino. Carrie Stevens, representing SEVCA, explained services and advised that the SEVCA report was on page 117 of the Annual Report.

Article 14 voted in the affirmative.

- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900)** to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Deb Epler moved Article 15 as written. Seconded by Melody Reed. Kari Storm advised that the Women's Freedom Center report was on page 125 of the Annual Report. Article 15 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00)** for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 16 as written. Seconded by Charlie Baker. Article 16 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **\$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars)** for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Julie Hance moved Article 17 as written. Seconded by Amie O'Brien. Robbo Holleran asked if anyone rode the bus? Sandra Vincent replied yes, and they do provide transportation for residents at Senior Circle. They also do transports for appointments. Leigh Dakin advised that the report for the Current is on page 131 of the Annual Report. Article 17 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **\$800 (eight hundred dollars)** to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Kari Storm moved Article 18 as written. Seconded by Tim Roper. The report for Windsor County Partners is on page 118 of the Annual Report. Article 18 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of **\$400 (four hundred dollars)** to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. Leigh Dakin moved Article 19 as written. Seconded by Nora Ellen Spaulding. Article 19 voted in the affirmative.

- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00)** toward the support of the **Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** David Armstrong moved Article 20 as written. Seconded by Ted Spaulding. David Armstrong advised the report for Community Cares is on page 127 of the Annual Report. Article 20 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of **THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000)** to assist in the services of the **Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.** Joan Grossman moved Article 21 as written. Seconded by Charles Giurtino. Article 22 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)** to **Neighborhood Connections to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. (This article is by petition)** Sandra Vincent moved Article 22 as written. Seconded by Tory Spater. Trisha Paradis explained all that Neighborhood Connections does. Article 22 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will authorize the **Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.** Bill Lindsay moved Article 23 as written. Seconded by Tom Hildreth. Article 23 voted in the affirmative.
- ARTICLE 24:** To act on the reports of the **Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2018.** Julie Hance moved Article 24 as written. Seconded by Amie O'Brien. Nancy Lindsay advised that there was a correction to the Historical Society Report on page 109 of the Annual Report; Fred Provost should be Francine Provost. Article 24 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Chester adopt the following advisory resolution? (By Petition)**

Climate Solutions Resolution

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and  
WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:


- 1. That the undersigned voters of the Town of Chester urge the State of Vermont to:**
  - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, electrical generation plants and/or industrial storage facilities.
  - b. Commit to 100% renewable energy by 2030 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
  - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.
- 2. That the undersigned voters of the Town of Chester request the town to do its part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:**
  - a. Protecting townlands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing townlands;
  - b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools to make them as energy efficient as possible;
  - c. Enlisting state support to develop solar electric supplies for town and school buildings;
  - d. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping to reduce overall energy use.
  - e. Encourage landowners, municipalities, and farmers to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigating flooding and drought.
  - f. Form a Town Energy Committee to work towards reducing town emissions and meeting the goals of the Comprehensive Energy Plan.
- 3. Should this article pass, a letter shall be sent from the Town of Chester, to our State Representatives and Senators, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, and the Governor, including the count of votes supporting and opposed to the article.** Cheryl Lipton moved Article 25 as written. Seconded by Tim Roper. This Article is an advisory Article only. There was discussion in favor of Article 25 and discussion not in favor of Article 25. Article 25 voted in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 26:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. Nonie Spaulding made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Armstrong. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

A true record.

  
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Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk

  
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William E. Dakin, Jr., Moderator

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Arne Jonynas, Selectboard Chairman





**OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES  
ELECTIONS DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

<b>Election</b>	<b>2019 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (03/05/2019)</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>CHESTER</b>
		<b>District</b>	

1.	Total Registered Voters on checklist for this polling place:	2,402
2.	Total Number of Voters checked off on the entrance checklist: (this includes absentee ballots)	476
3.	Total number of absentee ballots returned: (Include this count in Line 2)	47
4.	Total number of ballots voted by the Accessible Voting System:	0
5.	Total number of DEFECTIVE ballots (not counted but name checked off checklist): (Enter the Total Defective ballots from the Defective Ballot Envelope. -- DO NOT include REPLACED ballots.)	0
6.	<b>TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED: (Number of voters checked off checklist minus defective ballots.)</b>	476
6.1	Total Number of Ballots Counted at Polls:	476
7.	Total number of PROVISIONAL ballots (to be sent to Secretary of State):	0

If Line 6 (voters checked off checklist minus defective ballots) and Line 6.1 (total number of ballots counted at the polls) do not agree, please explain the discrepancies below and continue -- Line 6 will be adjusted:

Ballot bag seal #:

*0201458, 0201457, 0201456*

I hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. By checking this box, no signature is needed and you agree to the terms and conditions under Vermont law.

*Deborah J. Aldrich*  
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 DEBORAH J. ALDRICH  
 TOWN CLERK/PRESIDING OFFICER

*Amie O'Brien Asst.*  
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 AMIE O'BRIEN  
 ASST. TOWN CLERK/ELECTION  
 OFFICIAL

**OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY**

<b>Election</b>	2019 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	<b>Town</b>	CHESTER
		<b>District</b>	

<b>Name on Ballot</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Town of Residence</b>	<b>Vote Cast</b>
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<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b>			Vote for not more than ONE
WILLIAM E. DAKIN JR		CHESTER	432
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			6
BION WYMAN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DEREK SUURSOO ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
JOHN DEBENEDETTI ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
PAUL STODDARD ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			38
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476

<b>SELECTMEN</b>			Vote for not more than TWO
BEN WHALEN		CHESTER	384
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			271
BILL LINDSAY ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DEREK SUURSOO ( <i>Write-in</i> )			5
JOHN DEBENEDETTI ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
KEITH HILL ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
LEIGH DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			201
MIKE STUDIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
ROBERT NIED ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
SCOTT BLAIR ( <i>Write-in</i> )			56
STEVE COPPING ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
TOM KNOCKENHAUER ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
TORY SPATER ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			297
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			952

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY			
Election	2019 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
<b>SELECTIONS</b>			Vote for not more than ONE
LEE GUSTAFSON		CHESTER	405
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			31
DAN COTE ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DANIEL DESLAURIES ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DEREK SUURSOO ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
LEIGH DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			23
SCOTT BLAIR ( <i>Write-in</i> )			4
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			40
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476

<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR</b>			Vote for not more than ONE
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			10
CHAD CAREY ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
LEIGH DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			4
MICHAEL STUDIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
PHILLISA JONES PRESCOTT ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
SARAH VAIL ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
T. JOHNSON ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
WILLIAM DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			466
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY			
Election	2019 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS			Vote for not more than ONE
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			5
LEIGH DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
RUSSELL MONIER ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
SARAH VAIL ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
WILLIAM DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			471
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS			Vote for not more than ONE
ERRON J. CAREY		CHESTER	410
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			1
DEREK SUURSOO ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			65
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476

TRUSTEES WHITING LIBRARY			Vote for not more than TWO
EDWARD GROSSMAN		CHESTER	378
DAVID A. LORD		CHESTER	368
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			1
LEIGH DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			205
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			952

**OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY**

<b>Election</b>	2019 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	<b>Town</b>	<b>CHESTER</b>
		<b>District</b>	

<b>Name on Ballot</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Town of Residence</b>	<b>Vote Cast</b>
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<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>			Vote for not more than SIX
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			13
BILL LINDSAY ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
BRIAN HEYBERNE ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DAVE WALKER ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DEREK SUURSOO ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DOUG LEMIRE ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DUANE ENGLISH ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
GRAHAM KENNEDY ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
JOHN DEBENEDETTI ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
LEIGH DAKIN ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
MARIETTE BOCK ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
RICHARD ALEXANDER ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
RUTH DOUGLAS ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			2,843
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			2,856

<b>GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR</b>			Vote for not more than TWO
LOIS PERLAH		CHESTER	353
MICHAEL STUDIN		CHESTER	368
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			2
BRIAN HEYBERNE ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
RICHARD ALEXANDER, JR. ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			229
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			952

**OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY**

<b>Election</b>	2019 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	<b>Town</b>	<b>CHESTER</b>
		<b>District</b>	

<b>Name on Ballot</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Town of Residence</b>	<b>Vote Cast</b>
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<b>GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR UNEXPIRED ONE YEAR TERM</b>			<b>Vote for not more than ONE</b>
RICHARD C. ALEXANDER JR		CHESTER	391
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			1
JEFF HANCE ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			84
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476

<b>TRUSTEE WHITING LIBRARY</b>			<b>Vote for not more than ONE</b>
<b>TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS</b>			11
BILL BALLOU ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DAVID LORD ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
DONNA MATTHEWS ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
JEANNE WADE ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
JUDY COPPING ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
MARIETTE BOCK` ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
RENEE NIED ( <i>Write-in</i> )			2
STEVE COPPING ( <i>Write-in</i> )			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			1
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			465
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476

			<b>Vote for not more than ONE</b>
<b>ARTICLE 2: SHALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00), SUBJECT TO REDUCTION FROM THE RECEIPT OF AVAILABLE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID, BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAVING THE FOLLOWING ROADS: ROUTE 35, GREEN MOUNTAIN TURNPIKE FROM ROUTE 103 TO BOTTOM OF FLAMSTEAD ROAD, COACH ROAD, FIRST AVENUE AND SYLVAN ROAD? (AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)</b>			
YES			301
NO			32
<b>OVERVOTES</b>			0
<b>BLANK VOTES</b>			143
<b>TOTAL VOTES COUNTED</b>			476