



# TOWN OF CHESTER

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## SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 4, 2022

6:30 p m.

1. Approve Minutes from the April 20, 2022 Selectboard Meeting
2. Citizen Comments/Answers from Previous Meeting
3. Old Business
4. Police Advisory Committee
5. Public Safety Building Update on 5 Year Plan
6. Adopt Local Emergency Operations Plan
7. Liquor License & Entertainment Permit Approval;  
  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Liquor License - Bea Better Food Company  
Entertainment Permit – PJs Kitchen
8. Local Cannabis Control Commission; Resolution adoption & Potential Candidate Interviews and Appointments
9. New Business/Next Agenda
10. Executive Session: Interviews for Local Cannabis Control Commission (if needed)  
7:00 Susan Bailey  
7:15 Robert Neid  
7:30 Reisa Alexander  
7:45 Arianna Knapp  
8:00 Craig Miller  
8:15 Barre Pinske  
8:30 Thomas Simmons  
8:45 Tom Diak
11. Appoint Members to Local Cannabis Control Commission (if needed)
12. Adjourn

# Selectboard Memo

## May 4, 2022

### Citizen's Comments from Previous Meeting

No Citizen's Comments.

### Old Business/Last Meeting:

Upcoming Community Meetings: We have a few community meetings coming up in the next month that I would like to remind about.

Monday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. - ARPA community meeting here at Town Hall.  
Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. – Public Safety Forum at the new Public Safety Building  
Sunday, June 5 from 7:30 – 10: a.m. – Breakfast at the Public Safety Building

Solar Field: The Exercise Notice has been delivered and accepted by Green Lantern. We are now working towards identifying an Appraiser. Kelsey contacted me this afternoon to let me know that they often use Alvarez and Marsal. I will be reaching out to them this afternoon.

### Police Advisory Committee:

As you requested, this has been added to the agenda. As I indicated at last weeks' meeting, I have spoken with Jim Baker who will be performing our PD internal assessment. He is planning to begin work in Chester at the end of May. I have discussed with Jim, that part of the assessment should include community outreach to determine what Chester wants from its Police Department. This process should give us good insight as to whether the community wants an Advisory Committee and what role they see that Committee playing.

I also learned that the Chiefs Conference scheduled in June will be having a guest speaker who will be discussing Police Advisory Committees in Vermont and how local departments can interact with them. Both Chief Cloud and Lieutenant Williams will be attending.

### Public Safety Building Update:

The Building Committee has met to discuss the property and its upcoming goals/needs for the property in the coming years. Lee Gustafson, as well as the Chiefs will be at the meeting to discuss.

### Local Emergency Management Plan:

Time again to adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan. There are only a few changes which include removing Dan Cook and adding Amanda Silva as Ambulance Chief and changing the primary Emergency Operations Center from Town Hall to the Public Safety Building. The Town Hall has moved to alternate EOC.

### Local Cannabis Control Commission:

Included in your packet is a draft Resolution for your consideration. This can be amended as you choose. You currently have 7 individuals interested in serving. The Resolution indicates a 5 member Board which can obviously be changed if you decide to add more individuals.

Focus Groups!

I have also enclosed Letters of Interest from the 7 individuals interested in serving on the LCCC. I have provided an Executive Session in case you choose to interview in closed session. Or, you can have general discussion with everybody in open session and make decisions based upon Letters of Interest and discussion. Your choice. Either way is warned appropriately.

Potential Executive Sessions:

This is on the agenda should you decide to conduct interviews in Executive Session.

1 **TOWN OF CHESTER**  
2 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
3 **April 20, 2022, Draft Minutes**

4 **Board Members Present:** Arne Jonynas, Ben Whalen, and Lee Gustafson, Heather Chase and  
5 Leigh Dakin at Town Hall.

6 **Staff Present:** Julie Hance, Town Manager, at Town Hall; and Susan Bailey, Secretary via Zoom.

7 **Visitors Present:** Bill Lindsay, Leslie Thorsen, and Shawn Cunningham at Town Hall; and Tim  
8 Roper, Robert Nied, Ginger's iPad, Joy Slaughter, Barre Pinske, Reisa Alexander, SAPA TV, and  
9 Linda Diak via Zoom.

10 **Call to Order**

11 Arne Jonynas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. He welcomed  
12 everyone to the meeting.

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14 **Agenda Item 1, Approve minutes from the April 6, 2022, Meeting**

15 Ben moved and Lee seconded to approve the April 6<sup>th</sup> minutes. Heather noted she wasn't at the  
16 April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting but on page 6, line 34 the first part of the sentence didn't make sense and needed  
17 editing. Arne asked if it was the sentence relating to Chester being the only one who attended the  
18 seminar and Heather said it was. Lee said if you were here for the comment, it made sense. Heather  
19 was glad she clarified. Arne asked if she wanted it clarified that Chester was the only town that  
20 attended. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved  
21 as amended.

22 **Agenda Item 2, Citizens Comments/Answers from Previous Meeting**

23 Leslie Thorsen addressed the board. She wanted a police advisory committee. She stated she had  
24 lost count of the number of times that she had asked the Selectboard and Julie Hance, the Town  
25 Manager, to begin the process. Last January or February she was told after the town budget was  
26 passed, and then she was told after a police study was conducted. This year she is told after the  
27 police union contract is finalized. It is time to put it on the Selectboard agenda. Burlington, Barre,  
28 Bennington, and Montpelier are some of the towns that already have an oversight or advisory  
29 commission. The Montpelier Police Review Committee published a comprehensive and  
30 professional report on strategies to improve transparency and accountability which include sharing  
31 of data, fair and impartial policing assessment, officer misconduct, and the prevention of the  
32 purchase of militarization equipment for use by the police department. They discussed increased  
33 investments and community support programs such as police embedded social workers. Last year  
34 our town paid a \$50,000 settlement to a man who was pulled over for simply driving while black.  
35 She asked if the Chester Police Department was accountable for breaking the fair and impartial  
36 policing state law. She said they were not, and said Arne apologized and no internal complaints  
37 were filed by the two police officers involved. One of those involved, the Chief, failed to report  
38 this use of force stop to the state. It was one example that the public knows about because the  
39 Vermont Human Rights Commission found the Chester Police Department had violated the state  
40 law. We now have a holding cell in our quaint town and no state law exists for municipal holding  
41 cells. She questioned how we know if Chester is following their own holding cell policy. She said  
42 she would hate to see a holding cell incident that costs the town another \$50,000 or worse, costing

1 someone their life. A full-time officer is retiring this summer and an advisory committee could be  
2 part of the interview process or maybe they could spend the money on a police-embedded social  
3 worker. They have a right to know what the police in town are doing. She asked if they were  
4 meeting the current needs of the community or if they were following the law. Are we helping or  
5 hurting the young people in this town? She asked if we were helping or hurting our folks with  
6 substance abuse disorders or mental health conditions. She said it was time to put it on the  
7 Selectboard agenda and to tell her what to do to make it happen. She was formally requesting that  
8 it be put on the agenda before this summer. If she needed to collect 300 and something signatures  
9 to get a vote or whatever she had to do, she asked to let her know. She thanked them for their time.

10 Arne said it had been discussed some in the past and he had a discussion with the town manager  
11 in last two weeks and it would be coming up. Leslie asked if there was a time frame and if it would  
12 be in the year 2022. Arne said he wasn't going to talk about that right now. Julie said she heard  
13 back from Jim Baker and the hold up with the assessment was availability. She wanted someone  
14 who was good and didn't want to settle for anyone to do the critical assessment of the police  
15 department. Jim Baker has done Springfield's and several others in Vermont. He would be starting  
16 probably at the end of May with the assessment. Jim Baker and Julie have had lengthy  
17 conversations during the past year regarding the assessment and she had heard back from him at  
18 the beginning of the week. She thought it was wise to wait until the assessment was done. That  
19 was her opinion, but the board may disagree. Jim felt it would be good to go through the process  
20 because it was a community process. When you set up an advisory committee you need to set up  
21 the parameters of what the committee should be accomplishing. She said a lot of small towns have  
22 them and they are dead and not working anymore because they were not set up well. That was the  
23 one thing she had been cautioned about. When they do it, they should make sure they do due  
24 diligence about the roles you want the committee to play. It is critical to its success, and she wanted  
25 it to be successful and effective. The one way they are starting this, and the public safety chiefs  
26 and she had been talking about it for about a couple of months, and they had set a date for May  
27 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. They would have a series of community forums where  
28 the community can talk with fire, police, and ambulance about what they would like to see from  
29 those services in Chester. This was the start of it. That was by recommendation of Jim Baker of a  
30 few months ago. They wanted to wait until it was warmer, and they could be outside. They will  
31 open the bays and take equipment out, so there could be fresh air. She didn't know what COVID  
32 would be doing so they wanted it outside and not at Town Hall. It is coming and was going to be  
33 announced under new business. There are things happening and she knew Leslie felt like it was  
34 taking forever, and it was. Julie said government moves slowly but she wanted to make sure it was  
35 done well. The board could rush and do it now if they chose to.

36 Heather suggested it be put on old business and every meeting have updates. Julie said she would  
37 not have anything until Jim started at the end of May. Heather said if it was taking place May 26<sup>th</sup>,  
38 she could report afterwards, and Julie agreed. Heather said maybe it wouldn't be under old business  
39 as the police advisory committee but under old business in another frame, so they are updating the  
40 public. Julie agreed. Arne said under future agenda items and items for discussion they could have  
41 a brief discussion about their role in it and what timeframe they want it to take. Julie had given  
42 them some good ideas and if they had other ideas about how quickly or slowly, they wanted it to  
43 happen and when it should happen, they could give it a brief review and put it on a future agenda  
44 to see if they want to do anything different. They could have a discussion just about how quick  
45 they go forward. Arne said he was sure they could figure out.

1 Leslie asked the members of the board to look at the Montpelier Police Review Committee, as it  
2 was very professional. She didn't appreciate comments that belittle a police advisory committee  
3 and how they are failing in our state. She didn't know if it was true or not but was an inappropriate  
4 comment.

5 Julie said where her statement came from was talking to town managers in the state. Leslie said it  
6 was to protect the towns. Julie said they are letting her know the ways they failed and encouraging  
7 Chester to do it well. It wasn't about belittling anything, as Julie wants the committee, but she  
8 wants it done well and effectively and doesn't want to repeat the mistakes of other towns. Leslie  
9 said until they took some steps and did it, they wouldn't be moving forward. Talking about it or  
10 all the places that have failed wasn't moving it forward. Julie told Arnie she was done. Leslie then  
11 said she was done three separate times and immediately left the meeting.

12 Arne said as a board, they all desire what's best for the town and approach things in different ways,  
13 with different expediency, and what they all desire is what's right in their hearts and what is good  
14 for the town. Julie said she wasn't belittling anything but wanted it effective and well. Leigh said  
15 the fact that it was already set up, she guessed sometimes it was misunderstood. Arne said it was  
16 all in the works. Ben thought they should move on.

17 Tim Roper asked that the board keep their microphones closer, especially Heather and Arne.

18 There were no other comments.

19 **Agenda Item 3, Old Business**

20 Report given by the Town Manager:

21 Pinnacle

22 Julie and Matt had met with Green Mountain Power and Chester Electric regarding the work at the  
23 Pinnacle. The work is scheduled to be completed in late summer or early fall. The project involved  
24 burying some power at the Pinnacle. They have also agreed to redo the power to the pool house  
25 because it needs to be redone. Steve Mancuso from Chester Electric will pick up what needs to be  
26 done on Chester's end and will get Julie a quote on what their cost will be. There was an agreement  
27 made a few years ago that Green Mountain Power would install lighting poles at the ice rink and  
28 tennis courts. Steve would be getting the costs on what the electric will cost to install the lights.  
29 Arne said it was all related to the upgrades in power up Lovers Lane where they would be switching  
30 the poles and putting them along the side of the road. The power would be buried in that area  
31 because it was safer and easier to deal with. Ben asked if there was an opportunity for additional  
32 light poles. Julie said they were getting the cost of lighting one of the Little League fields. She said  
33 there was a request for that, and Steve was going to get her the cost. She said it was an option and  
34 Green Mountain Power may do more if they were willing to pay for them. Green Mountain is  
35 giving them two for free. They were considering some other things and would be coming back to  
36 the board with a full proposal of everything that they're looking to light. What they do light they  
37 are looking to set on a timer system so when you go to the pool, you set the timer for an hour. That  
38 way they will not be on all night.

39 Delinquent Taxes

40 There is a new Vermont Housing and Finance Authority program funded through Federal ARPA  
41 funding helping homeowner's pay delinquent water, sewer, and delinquent taxes, and mortgage  
42 payments, among other things for primary residences subject to income guidelines. Julie has

1 enrolled Chester as a receiving town. They have several people already participating in the  
2 program. They've been trying to get the word out by sending flyers with delinquent water bills and  
3 delinquent tax bills. If they knew of anyone in need, it is a great program. For some who are not  
4 so computer savvy, they are welcome to come into Town Hall and Debbie, Amie, or Julie will help  
5 get them registered.

#### 6 Town Office

7 The zoning listers have officially moved into their new space which looks great. It is a huge benefit  
8 of having a facilities director who is also a contractor and an electrician on the water staff. The  
9 whole thing was done during work hours at no additional expense and looks amazing. They will  
10 now be converting the front room to the downstairs conference room like it was years ago, so Steve  
11 and Wayne would be working on it in the next few weeks.

#### 12 Highway Garage

13 The new siding is going up on the garage and looks great. Stop over and tour it, as it really looks  
14 nice and professional, and the guys are happy. The project should be completed mid-May.

#### 15 Academy Roof

16 Doxsee Roofing will be there tomorrow to remove the slate on the west slope and return the first  
17 week of May to get the slate replaced. It was a grant funded program. While they are here, Steve  
18 has spoken with them and there are a couple of slipped slates on Town Hall, the library, and the  
19 tomb and on the pool house. While they are here, Steve will be working with them to do minor  
20 repairs on the existing buildings. Lee asked if Julie knew what was happening to the old slates.  
21 Julie said the ones that have value they keep. The repairs to the pool house will take good slate.  
22 They also use them for repairs around town. The other thing that is happening is the cemetery shed  
23 needs to be bigger so Steve will be building a small addition onto it and the slates will be used to  
24 cover that, as well. Arne said another advantage of having a carpenter/contractor on the payroll is  
25 he would be working at the Brookside Trail with the bridge there. Julie said he would be helping  
26 John Wright and the two of them together would be building it. Steve drew up a design for the  
27 boardwalk and he and John would work together to construct it. Arne thought with all the buildings  
28 owned by the town, they could keep someone busy full-time for a long time.

#### 29 Dog Park

30 Arne asked about the dog park. Julie said there was a group of people working on it. They are just  
31 waiting for numbers. They had run a split rail fence by her, and she thought it was nice and looked  
32 nicer than a chain link fence. They have four locations they are looking at and are all town property:  
33 Canal Street, Route 11 West, the property they got after Irene, and she didn't know where the other  
34 two were. They will be coming to the board with a presentation. Arne asked Julie if she knew who  
35 was on that board and if there was a lead person. Julie said Matt was working with Reisa and then  
36 there were a couple other people. Leigh thought Whitney Payne was involved. Julie thought there  
37 was a handful of people working on it.

#### 38 **Agenda Item 4, Cannabis Control Commission**

39 A couple meetings ago they decided they would have a local cannabis control commission for the  
40 town. There were some details they needed to work out on who the members would be because  
41 they had enough interest from citizens of the town, and it didn't need to be strictly a Selectboard  
42 group. He thought it was nice to have 1 or 2 Selectboard members on it but at this time, they had

1 four citizens who volunteered to be on the commission. They received some relatively new  
2 guidance information from the state Cannabis Control Board, but it really wasn't much different  
3 from what they already knew as far as the powers and authority they would have. It still seemed  
4 limited, and he thought it was specifically made that way by the state when the law passed and that  
5 it would not be treated differently than any retail establishment. Arne told the board members in  
6 their packets they had a sample resolution for a local cannabis control commission. It was giving  
7 guidance on how they should word theirs to make it legal as far as the makeup goes and the  
8 questions that must be answered as far as term lengths. The Selectboard would appoint the  
9 members, the size, makeup, and term lengths of the board. The sample resolution was  
10 straightforward that they would need to adopt to formalize the board. Some of the questions that  
11 came up were what they wanted to do with the board as far as the makeup went. Arne said he  
12 would entertain some comments or concerns or people's thoughts on how they should go about it  
13 and what the board should be made up of. Leigh said a few people stepped forward and wanted to  
14 be part of it and there was an example in something she had read about two Selectboard members  
15 and some others from the community that would like to, so it made sense if it was the route they  
16 wanted to go. Ben asked if they needed that much definition of who made up the board. A lot of  
17 folks were expressing interest now but if they say only 2 Selectboard members can be on it and in  
18 5 years they are at a point where they are with other positions in town, are they creating limitations  
19 on being able to fill that board. Arne thought if that was an issue in the future, they could return it  
20 back to the Selectboard if necessary. He thought if they had the enthusiasm and people were  
21 volunteering, they should include them. But to Ben's point, he agreed. He thought the makeup and  
22 size of the board could be modified in the future, if called for. He didn't know if there was a  
23 minimum amount but wanted an odd number. They were hoping for 5. Julie thought they could  
24 easily say be it further resolved, the local commission will be comprised of members of the  
25 legislative body and members of the community. You could simply leave it like that. Ben hoped  
26 people would continue to want to be involved. Heather thought it would be nice to interview like  
27 they do for the other boards before they appoint people to get a gist of points of view and why they  
28 want to be on it. Arne asked if they wanted one or two members from the Selectboard on it. Julie  
29 said there were four community members who had expressed interest, as another member had  
30 reached out. Arne suggested doing one member and, in the future, adding another Selectboard  
31 member, if necessary. If they had three Selectboard members, it would change the dynamics of the  
32 committee because then it would be a Selectboard meeting.

33 Shawn Cunningham asked if it was a town board that would be subject to meeting laws, warnings,  
34 minutes, etc. Julie and Arnie agreed it would. Lee thought there were a variety of opinions about  
35 the issue on the board. He suggested a minimum of two members and possibly one from each side  
36 of the issue. Not that there was a lot of teeth or decisions the board would make but he thought  
37 that fair representation should be considered. Arne thought they could get the resolution fine-tuned  
38 so it applied to Chester more specifically. He asked how they wanted to deal with the length of  
39 terms of service on the board, two-year, three-year, or just terms that are non-ending until they are  
40 removed or resign. Heather thought term limits were a good thing and the longest they should be  
41 is 3 years. The Selectboard had some one year and some three years, and she didn't know if they  
42 wanted to confuse it like that. Julie said the Planning Commission and DRB are currently all 3  
43 years. Julie said of the five members, they would need to alternate their appointment lengths going  
44 in. Heather thought 3 years should be the longest. Lee asked if for the Selectboard member  
45 appointments would be a yearly appointment. Julie suggested the Selectboard members be one-  
46 year appointments since they rotate. Heather thought if it was too much for someone, they could



1 come back to the board and ask for someone else to step in. Lee thought one year for the  
2 Selectboard members was appropriate. Julie clarified two one-year terms and the other three three-  
3 year terms. Lee thought it made sense. Arne thought those were the big questions as far as the  
4 resolution went and the other items were straightforward referencing the state statutes that apply  
5 and what gives them the authority to act and how it works.

6 Julie asked if they wanted to interview at the next meeting. Arne said they would get the document  
7 tuned up with the details specific to Chester and then they could formally adopt the resolution at  
8 the next meeting with the wording. Arne said then the question would be volunteers from the  
9 Selectboard. Lee asked who the fourth person was, and Julie said it was Susan Bailey. Lee and  
10 Ben volunteered to be on the local commission. Leigh asked if they both had different points of  
11 view. Ben thought they both had the same wants for Chester but had different approaches. Ben's  
12 opinion going in was it was not by a huge margin, but the town voted to proceed with it, and they  
13 needed to figure out a way to do it that works for everyone. Lee's opinion, based on what he is  
14 reading from the state cannabis control commission, is this board would have very few  
15 responsibilities and zero teeth. Arne thought it was important people be involved in the process  
16 and part of what's going on and things may come up that nobody expected. When those issues  
17 come up, it's important to have as many people involved from as many different perspectives as  
18 you can to look at things. He thought Lee and Ben would be great. Heather said if people wanted  
19 to jump in, she would be open to having it be a seven-member board and set it up to have a quorum  
20 to vote on. Arne said it could be flexible. Lee thought they should define the specific duties and  
21 roles of the commission before they start saying they need more members. Heather asked if they  
22 should interview as soon as the next meeting. Lee thought so because the sooner they get the pieces  
23 into place, the better. Ben asked if the two members of that board could be involved in the  
24 interviewing. Julie said she would get clarification.

25 Susan asked if they would want resumes and Julie said typically, they ask for a letter of interest  
26 and she would send out emails to the community members who were interested tomorrow.

27 They will have a draft of the resolution at the following meeting.

28 Tim Roper asked to see the proposed resolution. Arne said it may be on the state Cannabis Control  
29 Board website because it was under their guidance document where they provided a sample  
30 resolution. Tim was hoping to see the meeting packet and asked for an email once it was uploaded  
31 so he could download it.

### 32 **Agenda Item 5, Public Nuisance Ordinance**

33 Arne questioned what their goal was. He wondered if they were trying to address a problem or a  
34 future problem. He couldn't come up with an answer on why they were looking at it. He asked for  
35 ideas or thoughts. Leigh said she was thinking public nuisance in the respect of properties that  
36 Preston had addressed and had letters written to them, so she was thinking it was great, but her  
37 question was who was in charge. She wondered was it the state or strictly the town if they were  
38 talking about those properties.

39 Julie said Preston was looking at public nuisance regarding what was allowed under the cannabis  
40 laws and should it be regulated under zoning or public nuisance. The properties that Leigh was  
41 speaking of are covered under the salvage yard ordinance and they have the authority needed under  
42 that ordinance. Leigh has had several calls from residents about the properties. Julie said the state  
43 doesn't make it easy. Heather noted that even creating the ordinance took them a couple years.

1 When Heather was reading them, she thought one was created because someone went naked down  
2 the street. Another one was completely toward noise. She thought they could have a general one  
3 but there were a lot of different aspects to it. Leigh thought they had issues come up at different  
4 times regarding loud music at night coming from a house.

5 To address Arne's question about what the point and purpose for any kind of nuisance ordinance  
6 was, Lee thought they needed to go back to the master plan and what will be good for Chester and  
7 how it presents itself to tourism and people that want to move here, and what they want to see on  
8 The Green and downtown area. If they had a nuisance ordinance in place that allows them to  
9 discriminate against types of businesses, he didn't think they wanted to see certain industries and  
10 businesses that would promote those types of things that wouldn't be suitable for the town of  
11 Chester, especially since they have a school, church, and public library right next door to The  
12 Green. The point is if they aren't considering how they want to present themselves as the town of  
13 Chester to people visiting or considering relocating here, they could end up with the downtown  
14 area looking in ways they don't want. Without singling out any type of business or activity, they  
15 need to be thoughtful about how to maintain the wholesome character of the downtown and Green  
16 for the future. He didn't know how any of the ordinances they had examples of would work. He  
17 was wondering how they maintain the quaint character of the town of Chester for the future.

18 Ben understood what Lee was saying but he took it as more of a zoning concept than having  
19 anything to do with ordinances. As he read through them, they concerned Ben about what they  
20 would implement in town if they were to create all those ordinances. If they enact them, they will  
21 have to enforce them. Ben said the ones he read through talked about whistling loudly or singing  
22 and in Stowe, it got a little more graphic as to what they were referring to. Heather said there were  
23 also laws against that. Ben said in Vermont, they pretty much stated the law besides the ordinance.  
24 Ben didn't have a problem creating an ordinance for those things but if they were talking about  
25 cannabis and are concerned about locations, he felt that was more of a zoning ordinance. Lee said  
26 they couldn't address it through zoning. Ben understood it was because they would be doing it  
27 after the establishment. Ben said they should do their homework before creating a lot of  
28 ordinances. It would be something he would caution against doing.

29 Julie noted when the Planning Commission sets forth the zoning regulations, they include  
30 performance standards that cover odor, noise, and parking for any business that goes through a  
31 conditional use. There was a layer of review through zoning if that helped.

32 Arne said they need to be sure that they don't single out cannabis. The state has been clear on that,  
33 and they need to make sure they're clear also. The reason for the discussion wasn't because of  
34 cannabis but a general type of question they had regarding nuisance ordinances because nuisance  
35 ordinances were mentioned so many times in the documents regarding cannabis that were given  
36 to them. It was more for an informational thing. Arne said these examples gave them an idea of  
37 how they could be used for these specific types of things. Arne thought if they even talked about  
38 it in a certain way and something came through the board as an ordinance, it may come back in a  
39 lawsuit against them because they are directing an ordinance or a statement specifically toward  
40 cannabis. They were past that point. The town voted for it overwhelmingly and anything they did  
41 as far as nuisance ordinances needed to be general and apply to all retail, people, and citizens.

42 Leigh said when she was reading about the ordinances, and the information from Woodstock and  
43 Burlington, it mentioned nothing about anything other than the way they set up what is considered  
44 a nuisance. She couldn't figure out how it applied to them. That's why she asked if they got it

1 based on some properties in town being nuisances. Arne said a lot of the nuisance regulations  
2 seemed to be based on public safety and the good of the collective community and seemed like the  
3 justification but open to interpretation. Arne stated when you get to ordinances open to  
4 interpretation it seemed like you were looking for a court case. Leigh agreed and said you were  
5 looking for trouble and something that may not even exist on that kind of level in Chester.

6 Lee wasn't picking a fight but took issue with something Arne said about not being able to have a  
7 hint of discussion about cannabis relative to regulations, nuisances, or ordinances. The reason they  
8 were talking about it was the whole cannabis issue. If they can't talk about it for fear of a lawsuit  
9 down the road, they are kicking the stool out from under them. Lee knew they were aware of his  
10 feelings on the issue and that he didn't want it to pass. But it did and he can still voice his opinion.  
11 He didn't think the state was being realistic in their handling of the issue with respect to timing  
12 and the responsibility that the Selectboard has. He thought they should be careful not to hamstring  
13 themselves because they were afraid of a lawsuit. He agreed with Arne and didn't want to go down  
14 that road. He's representing the town of Chester and not everyone is feeling the same way some  
15 people are. He asked how he represents his constituents if he can't talk about it. He wondered if  
16 they could have an honest conversation about what is good for Chester and fits into the master  
17 plan and how they present themselves to the outside world in a wholesome manner. He didn't think  
18 they should pursue the nuisance ordinance issue because it wouldn't get them anywhere as the  
19 state had made it very clear they couldn't regulate anything.

20 Arne said maybe he was too harsh when he said they couldn't speak about it at all. Heather thought  
21 the issue was they didn't want to connect the two directly. She wasn't opposed to having a nuisance  
22 ordinance but a lot of things like defacing a building, urinating, or defecating already had laws in  
23 place against them. She wondered if things were already in place for noise in zoning and how were  
24 they enforcing them.

25 There was discussion about what they would include in a nuisance ordinance, including smells.  
26 Ben didn't disagree with the smell issue but if it was simply an annoyance, then all the dairy farms  
27 in town would be in violation because they smell.

28 Julie said Susan from VLCT was putting together training. Arne said cannabis came up in so many  
29 places that the VLCT would now have workshops and discussions and engage the towns and talk  
30 about the issue in general to see how it applies and works. Julie would be at Montpelier at a board  
31 meeting tomorrow and could see if there was a timeline. Arne thought a lot of the ordinances were  
32 reactionary and to him, and for him, he didn't want to try to fix something that wasn't an issue.  
33 The others agreed.

34 He asked for comments regarding the public nuisance ordinance discussion.

35 Barre Pinske said he had been represented by the ACLU three times. Once for his giant mailbox  
36 in Cape Cod. What he was hearing was, throughout the history of people, sometimes they try to  
37 regulate things through a moral compass and that's a difficult thing to do. He understood and  
38 respected it, but it was something that doesn't fly in our country. He referenced the Larry Flint  
39 movie about free speech arguments they made and had the church on the same side with them  
40 being able to practice free speech and religion and all sorts of things. Without getting too  
41 philosophical or esoteric, it isn't the government's job to regulate morality. Barre said as a  
42 Planning Board member, they discuss a lot of these things, and it often comes down to economics.  
43 They aren't going to have an issue with dancing in Chester because nobody is going to go there.  
44 He thought it was angle with trying to do something with respect to the cannabis issue. If it was a

1 moral aspect they were trying to regulate, it was going to be an issue. Arne thanked Barre for his  
2 comments.

3 Lee said to Barre's point, he appreciated what he brought up. Lee said the only thing they regulate  
4 is morality, his or someone else's. You can't have rules or regulations without having some kind  
5 of moral basis on which they're made, so Lee took some issue with that. He said it was whether it  
6 was Barre's morality or Lee's or someone else's. That was all they regulate. Arne thought he tries  
7 to keep morals out of it as much as can. He thought there was a lot to it. Lee said everyone has a  
8 set of morals and whether they agree on them is a different story.

9 Lee said like Barre said, it's a philosophical issue. Barre said that was his point. That's why the  
10 ACLU can get on both sides of issues because they try to protect freedoms. If you just stand on  
11 one side and don't let the other people have the other side, we lose our freedoms and that's the  
12 nature of it. Lee said that's why they have such a great democratic republic because they can have  
13 the debates in a civil manner. Arne said instead of public nuisance ordinance maybe they should  
14 have a moral nuisance ordinance. He said it sounds like they will let this slide for a while and see  
15 what the VLCT brings forward.

16 They had solicited the examples of the ordinances. One addressed snowblowers and Heather said  
17 they shouldn't be regulating how loud your snowblower is but Arne pointed out if it was 2 in the  
18 morning, you may want to. Julie added unless you were the poor guy who could only do it at that  
19 time. Arne said a lot of morals were being a good neighbor and person. Julie said she would share  
20 any information from the VLCT.

#### 21 **Agenda Item 6, Solar Field: Discussion regarding purchase**

22 Heather moved to authorize Julie to sign the Notice of Purchase Option for the solar field and Ben  
23 seconded. Arne said it starts the timeframe of 120 days to get an appraisal. Julie said after the  
24 appraisal, they have 30 days to get out of it and that just because they're executing the notice  
25 doesn't mean they agree to buy it. Arne said they have an out if they want to use it. Julie said once  
26 they have all the data, they can work through the details.

27 Lee said it is a much bigger solar field than he originally thought. It is a 500kw system instead of  
28 a 150kw system. It is producing quite well and better than he anticipated. It has made a lot of  
29 power. He said there is an online portal that displays the power production, and he could share that  
30 with the other members. The warranty on the panels is 10 years and a 25-year linear warranty on  
31 production. After 25 years, it will still be making 85% the amount of power. Each inverter has a  
32 10-year warranty, and they are string inverters that can be replaced for less cost. More information  
33 would be coming regarding the appraisal, and it will be presented to the board. Julie would be  
34 meeting next week with Kelsey Woods who would explain to Julie the management side if they  
35 sold power and what is involved. Julie needed to find out if they are obligated to continue giving  
36 power to the two contracts. Arne thought if they could offer to citizens in town or the school and  
37 help everyone locally would be good. If everything worked out, they could save a lot of money on  
38 utility bills. Heather said 25 years was a long time to reap back the money. Lee tells his customers  
39 7 to 10 years to pay for system then it's gravy after that. He saw it as a decent investment for the  
40 town. Arne remembered back that it wasn't a unanimous decision, and it was good to look back  
41 and know they made the right decision. Leigh would love to see it used with town businesses that  
42 would benefit directly.

43 Bill Lindsay thanked the board for going forth with it. Bill said it wasn't easy serving on the board

1 at that time and they all took their licks differently, but they all remained friends even with the  
2 tough decisions that had to be made and he was glad they went forward. He used an analogy at the  
3 time about television antennas. He commuted to NYC and some of the sections they went through  
4 weren't the most prestigious but the antennas on top of the buildings were amazing. Today, the  
5 antennas are no longer there. He believed electronics will improve and they all know that energy  
6 power will come from solar. He recently built and home and opted for propane, as it was the best  
7 deal at the time. The payback at his age is too long for solar and he wouldn't live for the benefit  
8 but there are many people who will live. He thought the solar panels may be ugly but was people's  
9 concern about having the town hooked into solar. He was glad the board was pursuing it. There  
10 are two schools in town and suggested selling the electricity to ourselves rather than someone else.  
11 Arne asked if there were any more comments and there were none.

#### 12 **Agenda Item 7, Liquor License Approval, Smitty's Chester Market**

13 Smitty's Chester Market had an application for a second-class license. Arne state there was a little  
14 more information than usual in the packets. There were some concerns, but they were addressed  
15 by Smitty's and the state is satisfied with the responses regarding this issue and license. The Chief  
16 is okay with everything. The education part is up to snuff. And everything that was of a concern  
17 to them was okay. Julie spoke with legal counsel today and they were okay.

18 The members signed the above licenses.

#### 19 **Agenda Item 8, Annual Financial Plan and Certificate of Compliance**

20 It was annual paperwork regarding the roads and how much they spend on them and making sure  
21 they are spending the bare minimum. Julie said they didn't need a motion and only required a  
22 signature. The members signed.

#### 23 **Agenda Item 9, Cemetery Deed**

24 The members signed the deed.

#### 25 **Agenda Item 10, New Business/Next Agenda**

26 Leigh asked if the meeting would be scheduled with the two Selectboard members and three  
27 community members for the local cannabis control commission. She asked how they were going  
28 to do it and Julie said they asked for it to be on the next agenda where they would interview and  
29 do the resolution.

30 Heather proposed they discuss their thoughts on the police advisory committee and Jim Baker's  
31 thoughts on the timeline so they can inform people that they haven't forgotten about it. Arne  
32 thought it was possible to start the process because it will take a while. Leigh agreed. Heather said  
33 they could ask the entire board if that's what they wanted. Arne said they could have it as an agenda  
34 item and have a more depth discussion about what direction they want to go and how they want to  
35 go forward. Heather thought the last time they discussed it they wanted an advisory committee as  
36 opposed to oversight, but they hadn't put it in stone and maybe they could rehash it. Julie said the  
37 direction she was given when it was discussed last time was that they were going to wait until the  
38 assessment was completed and that's why she had waited. Ben wanted to confirm Jim Baker was  
39 retired Colonel Baker and Julie said he was. Ben asked if Julie could find out from him if they  
40 should be waiting for the assessment to be completed. Ben said he was new to the topic and wanted  
41 to make an informed decision. Julie said he was on vacation next week and was wrapping up two  
42 other towns and would be available for Chester at the end of May. She had shared a document way

1 back with the board of what she wanted accomplished through the assessment. He wanted direction  
2 of what they want accomplished through the assessment. She had spoken with him as recently as  
3 today. He said the advisory committee discussion could be part of the whole assessment. His first  
4 question to her she couldn't answer. It was whether most of the community wanted a police  
5 advisory committee. She has only heard from one person, so she didn't know. This was one of the  
6 pieces the assessment would discuss, getting the community involved and learning what it wants  
7 from its police department. Julie said the conversation would be started internally on May 26<sup>th</sup>  
8 with the first session, but the assessment will be doing it too. She thought by saying they want a  
9 police advisory committee before the community says they want one would be jumping ahead.  
10 She had only heard from one person although was not opposed to it. Julie said there was great  
11 value in having an advisory committee, but she wanted it guided.

12 Arne asked to have the discussion at the next meeting so they can talk about it in depth.

13 Lee said it brought up another topic of discussion. He asked how, as a town, they would get  
14 information out to the community and how did they receive their input. He thought there was a  
15 slow transfer of information but how did they reach the entire community. It was an issue that  
16 needed to be addressed. Julie stated they would be hosting some community events. Heather  
17 wanted it on the agenda so people knew about it and could come and engage. Lee asked if they  
18 were soliciting comments. People may have thoughts but don't know who to tell. Arne said  
19 whenever anything is on the agenda, citizen input is welcome. He thought they were open to  
20 making sure people helped them with their discussions. Just having it on the agenda welcomes  
21 people to come and discuss it. Over the years they have struggled to get people involved. And after  
22 a decision is made, people turn around and say they weren't part of it. It is tough. Lee said The  
23 Telegraph advertises meetings as soon as they're available. Julie said they would do up a flyer for  
24 May 26<sup>th</sup> and considered asking The Telegraph or Vermont Journal if they would do an article as  
25 they get closer. They would ask for questions from people who are unable to attend. This would  
26 be about what they would like to see from their police, ambulance, and fire departments. Heather  
27 and Leigh thought it was a great idea. Lee suggested they include town highway at some point.  
28 Julie said they would, but these were the three services struggling the most in society. Julie said  
29 Jim had recommended this a while ago. Heather said it was perfect timing with the new building.  
30 Arne mentioned he had seen some training at the new building, and it was nice to be able to take  
31 pride in the building where you were hosting an organization.

32 Leigh wondered, regarding the folks they had heard from at the prior Selectboard meeting, if any  
33 monitoring of speed had been done. Julie said the Regional Planning had done speed studies. She  
34 hadn't heard but would follow up.

35 Leigh said the Chester Snowmobile Club wrote a lovely letter and were thankful to the people who  
36 have allowed them on their properties. They would have a BBQ at the gazebo on Lovers Lane on  
37 June 18<sup>th</sup> and she wondered if the town could get the word out. Julie said it was for the landowners.

### 38 **Agenda Item 11, Adjourn**

39 Lee moved and Ben seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the  
40 meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Local Emergency Management Plan Municipal Adoption Form

**Town/City of Chester**

P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT

The Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) must be (re)adopted annually, after town meeting day, and submitted to the appropriate Regional Planning Commission (RPC) by May 1st.

At a warned public meeting (regular selectboard/city council meeting), the municipality adopted the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) on the date shown at right.

At a warned public meeting (regular selectboard/city council meeting), the municipality adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) on the date shown at right.

If Vermont Emergency Management needs to contact municipal leaders to determine status and support requirements during an emergency, the Emergency Management Director (EMD) and two other local Points Of Contact (POCs) who should have authoritative local information are listed at right.

Mark this block if a readopted plan has no changes since the previous year.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Municipality</b>       | Chester                   |
| <b>LEMP Adoption Date</b> | May 4, 2022               |
| <b>NIMS Adoption Date</b> | April 16, 2015            |
| <b>EMD Name</b>           | Julie Hance               |
| <b>Position</b>           | EMD                       |
| <b>Primary Phone</b>      | 802-875-2173              |
| <b>Alternate Phone</b>    | 802-289-2825              |
| <b>Email</b>              | julie.hance@chestervt.gov |
| <b>POC 2 Name</b>         | Richard Cloud             |
| <b>Position</b>           | Police Chief              |
| <b>Primary Phone</b>      | 802-875-2035              |
| <b>Alternate Phone</b>    | 802-738-2244              |
| <b>Email</b>              | Richard.cloud@vermont.gov |
| <b>POC 3 Name</b>         | Matthew Wilson            |
| <b>Position</b>           | Fire Chief                |
| <b>Primary Phone</b>      | 802-289-1207              |
| <b>Alternate Phone</b>    |                           |
| <b>Email</b>              | mswilson@vermontel.net    |

I hereby certify that the LEMP meets Vermont National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements and current LEMP Implementation Guidance as on page 2:

Signed\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Richard Cloud**

Printed Name; certifying individual must have taken, at a minimum, ICS402 or ICS100/IS-100 training

I hereby attest that the municipality has adopted NIMS and the LEMP as stated above:

Signed\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Julie Hance, Town Manager**

Printed Name, Selectboard / council member

**Once completed, send adoption form (2 pages) and copy of Local Emergency Management Plan to Regional Planning Commission.**

\*A typed name is acceptable as an electronic signature if it represents an act of that person in accordance with 9 V.S.A. § 278.

# Local Emergency Management Plan

## 1. Emergency Management (EM) planners

|  |                            |
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| <i>These are the people who wrote and/or maintain this plan.</i> |                            |
| Richard Cloud, Police Chief                                      | Matthew Wilson, Fire Chief |
| Amanda Silva, Ambulance Chief                                    | Kirby Putnam, Public Works |
| Julie Hance, Town Manager  |                            |

## 2. Municipal Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

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| <i>The EOC is an organization that coordinates information, support, and response across the municipality for Incident Commanders and town officials. Its main functions are to maintain situational awareness for municipal leaders, coordinate resource and information requests, and provide public information.</i> |   |
| Who, by position, can activate the EOC? Town Manager  |   |
| <b>Preferred EOC Positions and Duties</b>   |   |
| EOC Director  | Supervises and directs all EOC activities coordinating municipal support and response |
|   | Staffs phones and radio   |
|   | Tracks and answers any Requests For Information (RFI)                                 |
|   | Tracks and coordinates any Requests For Support (RFS)                                 |
|   | Produces and posts public information and press releases                              |
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|   |   |
| <b>Potential EOC Staff Members</b>  |   |
| <i>Name</i>   | <i>Notes / Contact Information</i>  |
| Julie Hance   | <a href="mailto:Julie.hance@chestervt.gov">Julie.hance@chestervt.gov</a>              |
| Debbie Aldrich  | <a href="mailto:Deborah.aldirch@chestervt.gov">Deborah.aldirch@chestervt.gov</a>      |
| Amie Obrien   | <a href="mailto:Amie.obrien@chestervt.gov">Amie.obrien@chestervt.gov</a>              |
| Julie Parsells  | <a href="mailto:Julie.parsells@chestervt.gov">Julie.parsells@chestervt.gov</a>        |
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| <b>Primary EOC Location</b>   |   |
| Facility / Address:   | Chester Public Safety Building, Pleasant Street                                       |
| Phone Numbers:  | (802) 875-2035, (802) 875-2160  |
| Equipment/Notes:  |   |
| <b>Alternate EOC Location</b>   |   |
| Facility / Address:   | Town Hall, 556 Elm Street   |
| Phone Numbers:  | (802) 875-2173  |
| Equipment/Notes:  |   |



### 3. Resources

**Use municipal resources, mutual aid agreements, and local purchases first to get resources for response as needed and available.**

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| Purchasing agents for emergencies:<br>All Department Managers after consultation with Town Manager |  |
| Emergency spending limits:   | Spending limits will vary by department & priority of needs. Communication between department manager and Town Manager will determine these spending levels. |

#### ***Businesses with Standing Municipal Contracts***

| <i>Type of Contract</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Contact Info</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| None.                   |             |                     |
|                         |             |                     |
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#### ***Other Local Resources***

| <i>Type of Resources/Skills</i> | <i>Name</i>     | <i>Contact Info</i> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Gravel, Sand, Stone             | AllStone        | (802) 875-6564      |
| Gravel, Sand, Stone             | Renaud          |                     |
| Gravel, Sand, Stone             | P&L Trucking    | (802) 875-2819      |
| Excavation                      | M&M Excavating  | (802) 875-3319      |
| Trucking and Excavation         | Savage Trucking | (802) 875-3855      |
| Trucking and Excavation         | Bazin Brothers  | (802) 463-2077      |
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State support that is usually at no cost to the municipality:

- Vermont Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) Response Team (VHMRT)
- Vermont Urban Search and Rescue (USAR, VT-TF1)
- Vermont State Police and Special Teams
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)
- Swiftwater Rescue Teams
- Regional Shelter Support
- State government agency expertise / services
- Federal response agency expertise

State support the municipality will normally eventually have to pay for:

- Supplies and equipment (including sandbags)
- VTrans Equipment and Personnel

**National Incident Management System (NIMS) Typed Resources\***

| Type  | I   | II  | III | IV  | Other | Type  | I | II  | III | IV  | Other |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Critical Incident Stress Management Team                |     |     |     | N/A |       | Hydraulic Excavator, Large Mass Excavation          |   |     |     | N/A |       |
| Mobile Communications Center                            |     |     |     |     |       | Hydraulic Excavator, Medium Mass Excavation         |   |     |     |     |       |
| Mobile Communications Unit                              |     |     | N/A | N/A |       | Hydraulic Excavator, Compact                        |   |     | 1   |     |       |
| All-Terrain Vehicles                                    | 1   | N/A | N/A | N/A |       | Road Sweeper  |   |     |     |     |       |
| Marine Vessels  | 1   | N/A | N/A | N/A |       | Snow Blower, Loader Mounted                         |   |     |     |     |       |
| Snowmobile  | 1   | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1     | Track Dozer   |   |     |     |     |       |
| Public Safety Dive Team                                 |     |     |     |     |       | Track Loader  |   |     |     |     |       |
| SWAT/Tactical Team                                      |     |     |     |     |       | Trailer, Equipment Tag-Trailer                      | 1 |     |     | N/A |       |
| Firefighting Brush Patrol Engine                        | N/A | N/A | N/A |     |       | Trailer, Dump                                       |   | N/A | N/A | N/A |       |
| Fire Engine (Pumper)                                    | 2   |     |     |     |       | Trailer, Small Equipment                            |   | 2   | N/A | N/A |       |
| Firefighting Crew Transport                             |     |     |     | N/A |       | Truck, On-Road Dump                                 |   | 2   | 3   |     |       |
| Aerial Fire Truck                                       |     |     | N/A | N/A |       | Truck, Plow   |   |     |     |     |       |
| Foam Tender   |     |     | N/A | N/A |       | Truck, Sewer Flusher                                |   |     |     |     |       |
| Hand Crew   |     |     |     |     |       | Truck, Tractor Trailer                              |   |     |     | N/A |       |
| HAZMAT Entry Team                                       |     |     |     | N/A |       | Water Pumps, De-Watering                            |   | 2   |     |     |       |
| Engine Strike Team                                      |     |     |     |     |       | Water Pumps, Drinking Water Supply - Auxiliary Pump |   |     |     |     |       |
| Water Tender (Tanker)                                   | 1   |     |     | N/A |       | Water Pumps, Water Distribution                     |   |     |     |     |       |
| Fire Boat   |     |     |     | N/A |       | Water Pumps, Wastewater                             |   |     |     |     |       |
| Aerial Lift - Articulating Boom                         |     |     |     |     |       | Water Truck   |   | N/A | N/A | N/A |       |
| Aerial Lift - Self Propelled, Scissor, Rough Terrain    |     |     |     |     |       | Wheel Dozer   |   |     | N/A | N/A |       |
| Aerial Lift - Telescopic Boom                           |     |     |     |     |       | Wheel Loader Backhoe                                |   |     |     | 1   |       |
| Aerial Lift - Truck Mounted                             |     |     |     |     |       | Wheel Loader, Large                                 |   |     |     |     |       |
| Air Compressor  |     |     |     | 1   |       | Wheel Loader, Medium                                |   |     |     | 1   |       |
| Concrete Cutter/Multi-Processor for Hydraulic Excavator |     |     |     |     |       | Wheel Loader, Small                                 |   |     |     | 1   |       |
| Electronic Boards, Arrow                                |     |     |     |     |       | Wheel Loader, Skid Steer                            |   |     |     | N/A |       |
| Electronic Boards, Variable Message Signs               |     |     |     |     |       | Wheel Loader, Telescopic Handler                    |   |     |     |     |       |
| Floodlights   |     |     |     | N/A |       | Wood Chipper  | 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A |       |
| Generator   |     | 1   |     |     |       | Wood Tub Grinder                                    |   |     |     |     |       |
| Grader  |     | 2   |     | N/A |       | Ambulance, Ground                                   |   |     |     |     | 1     |

\*Information about the NIMS Typed resources can be found at: <https://rtit.preptoolkit.fema.gov>

## 6. Public Information and Warning

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| <i>During a significant emergency, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Incident Command Posts (ICPs) will coordinate and manage public information, both by producing accurate, timely reports and by tracking what is publicly reported to minimize confusion and help ensure a positive public response.</i>   |   |
| VT-Alert message - State:<br>Other VT-Alert managers:  | Vermont Emergency Management: 800-347-0488  |
| Important Local Websites /<br>Social Media channels:   | Chester Town Hall Facebook Page<br>Chester Fire Department Facebook Page<br>Chester Police Department Facebook Page |
| Local Newspaper, Radio, TV:  | Vermont Journal<br>Chester Telegraph<br>Springfield Area Public Access Television                                   |
| Public Notice locations:   | Town Hall, Chester Post Office, Chester Hardware Store  |
| <i>Vermont 2-1-1 is a United Ways of Vermont system that provides 24x7x365 information and referral services in cooperation with a large number of state and local government and community based entities. 2-1-1 collects and maintains a database of local resource information and is available to take calls from the general public to inform and instruct them in relation to emergency events, and to refer them to the appropriate response and recovery resource, if necessary.</i> |   |
| To provide information for 2-1-1   | Dial 211 or (802) 652-4636  |

## 7. Vulnerable Populations

| <i>If necessary, the EOC may contact organizations and facilities, below, that serve vulnerable populations to identify residents who are at risk based on the emergency. If there are residents at risk or in danger, the EOC should monitor their status and if required coordinate support for them until their situation stabilizes.</i> |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <i>Name / Notes</i>  | <i>Contact Info</i> |
| Chester Andover Family Center  | (802) 875-3236      |
| Southeastern Vermont Community Action  | (802) 722-4575      |
| Neighborhood Works   | (802) 824-4343      |
| Visiting Nurse & Hospice   | (800) 300-8853      |
| Green Mountain Union High School   | (802) 875-2146      |
| Chester Andover Elementary School  | (802) 875-2208      |
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## 8. Shelters

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| <i>During some emergencies, the EOC will monitor or coordinate support for residents who are displaced due to property or infrastructure damage.</i>  |  |
| <b><i>Spontaneous Sheltering</i></b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the approximate number of people who need sheltering</li> <li>• Call the State EOC / Watch Officer at 800-347-0488 and request support</li> <li>• Track the status of residents who need shelter until their situation stabilizes</li> </ul> |  |
| <b><i>Regional Shelter</i></b>  |  |
| Location / Address:   | Hartford High School, 37 Highland Ave, WRJ, VT 05001                   |
| Opening Contact:  | State EOC, 800-347-0488; American Red Cross, 802-660-9130              |
| Phone Numbers:  |  |
| <b><i>Primary Local Shelter</i></b>   |  |
| Location / Address:   | Chester American Legion, 637 Vt. Rte. 103 South                        |
| Facility Contact(s):  | Ed Peterson  |
| Phone Numbers:  | (802) 875-2274   |
| Shelter Manager:  | Ed Peterson  |
| Staff Requirements:   |  |
| Services:   | Warm/Cool Overnight Food Prep Showers Healthcare                       |
| Notes:  |  |
|   | Capacity:                      Generator? Y / N    Pets Allowed? Y / N |
| <b><i>Alternate Local Shelter</i></b>   |  |
| Location / Address:   | Town Hall, 556 Elm Street  |
| Facility Contact(s):  | Deborah Aldrich  |
| Phone Numbers:  | (802) 875-2173   |
| Shelter Manager:  | Deborah Aldrich  |
| Staff Requirements:   |  |
| Services:   | Warm/Cool Overnight Food Prep Showers Healthcare                       |
| Notes:  |  |
|   | Capacity:                      Generator? Y / N    Pets Allowed? Y / N |

### **Annexes (Optional, create and letter as needed)**

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| Brattleboro Union High School, 131 Fairground Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301 |
| Rutland High School, 22 Stratton Road, Rutland, VT 05701                  |
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See the Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) web site at <http://vem.vermont.gov> for samples and examples of annexes, such as: forms; delegations of authority; debris plans; incident-specific plans, checklists, and matrices; animal disaster references; etc.

**Contact Information**

| Position                                    | Name                 | Phone numbers - indicate Mobile, Home, Work |                |                | E-mail                     |
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|   |                      | Primary                                     | Alternate      | Alternate      |                            |
| <b>Local Emergency Management Team</b>      |                      |   |                |                |                            |
| EMD   | Julie Hance          | (802) 875-2173                              | (802) 289-2825 |                | Julie.hance@chestervt.gov  |
| EM Coordinator                              |                      |   |                |                |                            |
|   |                      |   |                |                |                            |
| <b>Local Response Organization Contacts</b> |                      |   |                |                |                            |
| Fire Chief                                  | Matthew Wilson       | (802) 289-1207                              |                |                | mswilson@vermontel.net     |
| Assistant/Deputy Fire Chief                 | Ben Whalen           | (802) 376-6939                              |                |                | Ben.whelen@vermont.gov     |
| Ambulance Chief                             | Amanda Silva         | (802) 289-4165                              | (802) 875-2160 | (802) 875-2211 | Amanda.silva@chestervt.gov |
| Chief of Police or Constable                | Richard Cloud        | (802) 738-2244                              | (802) 263-5489 |                | Richard.cloud@vermont.gov  |
|   |                      |   |                |                |                            |
| Local Dispatch Center                       | Hartford Dispatch    | (802) 295-3725                              |                |                |                            |
|   | Vermont State Police | (802) 875-2235                              |                |                |                            |
| <b>Local Public Works Contacts</b>          |                      |   |                |                |                            |
| Road Foreman                                | Kirby Putnam         | (802) 875-2737                              | (802) 289-4495 |                | Kirby.putnam@chestervt.gov |
| Road Commissioner                           | Julie Hance          | (802) 289-2825                              |                |                | Julie.hance@chestervt.gov  |
| Town Garage                                 | Kirby Putnam         | (802) 875-2237                              |                |                | Kirby.putnam@chestervt.gov |
| Drinking Water Utility                      | Jeff Holden          | (802) 875-4325                              | (802) 384-3001 |                | Jeffholden60@yahoo.com     |
| Wastewater Utility                          | Jeff Holden          | (802) 875-4325                              | 9802) 384-3001 |                | Jeffholden60@yahoo.com     |
|   |                      |   |                |                |                            |
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| <b>Municipal Government Contacts</b>        |                      |   |                |                |                            |
| Town/City Manager                           | Julie Hance          | (802) 875-2173                              | (802) 289-2825 |                | Julie.hance@chestervt.gov  |
| Selectboard Chair                           | Arne Jonynas         | (802) 289-1042                              |                |                | Arne.jonynas@vermontel.net |
| Selectboard Vice Chair                      | Heather Chase        | (802) 236-4718                              |                |                | Hchase10@gmail.com         |
| Selectboard                                 | Leigh Dakin          | (802) 875-3456                              |                |                | leighdakin@gmail.com       |
| Selectboard                                 | Lee Gustafson        | (802) 875-3654                              |                |                | algustafson@vermontel.net  |
| Selectboard                                 | Ben Whalen           | (802) 289-1087                              |                |                | Ben.Whalen@Vermont.gov     |

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|                          |                 | Primary                                     | Alternate      | Alternate      |                               |
| Town Clerk               | Deborah Aldrich | (802) 875-2173                              | (802) 376-3240 |                | Deborah.aldrich@chestervt.gov |
| Town Treasurer / Finance | Deborah Aldrich | (802) 875-2173                              | (802) 376-3240 |                | Deborah.aldrich@chestervt.gov |
| Town Health Officer      | Amanda Silva    | (802) 289-4165                              | (802) 875-2160 | (802) 875-2211 | Amanda.silva@chestervt.gov    |
| Forest Fire Warden       | Jeff Holden     | (802) 875-4325                              | (802) 384-3001 |                | Jeffholden60@yahoo.com        |
| Asst. Forest Fire Warden | Ben Whalen      | (802) 376-6939                              |                |                | Ben.whelen@vermont.gov        |
| Animal Control Officer   | Richard Cloud   | (802) 875-2035                              | (802) 738-2244 | (802) 236-5489 | Richard.cloud@vermont.gov     |
| School Contact #1        | Keith Hill      | (802) 875-2146                              |                |                | Keith.Hill@trsu.org           |
| School Contact #2        | Katharine Fogg  | (802) 875-2108                              |                |                | Katharine.fogg@trsu.org       |
| School District          | Lauren Fierman  | (802) 875-3365                              |                |                | Lauren.fierman@trsu.org       |
|                          |                 |   |                |                |                               |
|                          |                 | Other Contacts                              |                |                |                               |
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**FIRST/SECOND/THIRD CLASS LIQUOR LICENSE AND TOBACCO APPLICATION**

(License year is May 1<sup>ST</sup> through April 30<sup>TH</sup> of the following year)

Bea Better Food Company  
Print Name of Person, Partnership, Corp., Club or LLC

Bushel and a Peck of Vermont  
Doing Business as - Trade Name

90 Common Street  
Street

Chester 05143  
Town or City & Zip Code

Telephone Number

PO Box 839 Chester, VT 05143  
Mailing Address (if different from above)

Email address: beabetterfoodco@gmail.com

APPLICATION FEES:

FIRST CLASS LICENSE - \$115.00 to DLC **and** \$115.00 to Town/City

SECOND CLASS LICENSE- \$70.00 to DLC **and** \$70.00 to Town/City

SECOND CLASS RETAIL DELIVERY PERMIT - \$100.00 to DLC

THIRD CLASS LICENSE - \$1,095 for a full year to DLC  
\$550 for 6 or fewer months to DLC

TOBACCO LICENSE- (there is no application fee for tobacco if applying for second class)

TOBACCO ENDORSEMENT PERMIT - \$50.00 to DLC

*\*If applying for Tobacco only license, please use the Tobacco Only form.*

**Please check appropriate categories**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRST CLASS  | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Delivery Permit   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SECOND CLASS | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco Endorsement  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THIRD CLASS             | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Club   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Kitchen (a Liquor Control Commercial Caterer's License is needed with this license) |

**TO THE CONTROL COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN/CITY OF** Chester

Application is hereby made for a license to sell malt and vinous beverages under and in accordance with Title 7, Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, and certify that all statements, information and answers to questions herein contained are true; and in consideration of such license being granted do promise and agree to comply with all local and state laws; and to comply with all regulations made and promulgated by the Board of Liquor and Lottery. Upon hearing, the Board of Liquor and Lottery may, in its discretion, suspend or revoke such license whenever it may determine that the law or any regulations of the Board of Liquor and Lottery have been violated, or that any statement, information or answers herein contained are false.

TOWN OF CHESTER  
APPLICATION FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Licensee Name: Pi's Country Kitchen DBA Country Grill Diner

Address: 46 VT Rte 103 South

Town/State/Zip: Chester, VT 05143

Telephone: 802-975-1003 cell - 802-558-4306

1. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT REQUESTED (write brief description): \_\_\_\_\_

Live Music - Mostly Classic Rock & Roll,  
50's & 60's Classic Bands, Acoustic Guests

2. HOURS ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PRESENTED:

From 5 ( ) a.m. (X) p.m. Until 8:30 ( ) a.m. (X) p.m.

3. DAYS OF THE WEEK WHEN SUCH ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PRESENTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday and Saturday Nights

4. APPLICATION FEE:

(X) Annual Application Fee \$25.00 ( ) Single Function Application Fee \$5.00

The Town of Chester's Entertainment Regulations are recorded in the Town Clerk's Office.

Under Section 5 of these rules, the applicant may request a hearing with the Board of Selectmen to present evidence that the prospective Licensee will comply with the Town of Chester's Entertainment Regulations.

DATE OF APPLICATION: 4-20-2022

LICENSEE'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]

This request will be considered by the Board of Selectmen at their next regularly scheduled meeting. You are welcome to attend that meeting.



RESOLUTION FOR A  
LOCAL CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION

CHESTER, VERMONT

Whereas, Title 7, Chapter 33 of Vermont State Statues was Amended in 2020 to provide for the safe, equitable, and effective regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis; and

Whereas, 7 VSA § 863(b) provides that a municipality that hosts any cannabis establishment may choose to establish a cannabis control commission; and

Whereas, a Local Control Commission may issue and administer local control license for cannabis establishment within the municipality; and

Whereas, the commission may condition the issuance of a local control license upon compliance with any bylaw adopted pursuant to 24 VSA §4414 or ordinance regulating signs or public nuisances adopted pursuant to 24 VSA §2291; and

Whereas, the Local Control Commission may suspend or revoke a local control license for a violation of any condition placed upon the license pursuant to 7 VSA §863(b); and

Whereas, prior to issuing a cannabis establishment license the State Cannabis Control Board must ensure that an applicant has obtained a local control license if a municipality as established a Local Control Commission;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Selectboard of the Town of Chester has voted affirmatively to form a Local Cannabis Control Commission effective as of the date of this resolution;

Be it further resolved that, the Local Commission will consist of five (5) members in total and will include individuals from the Chester Community as well as no more than two (2) members of the Chester Selectboard.

Be it further resolved that the Chester Selectboard shall appoint members to the Local Commission to serve initial terms as follows: Two (2) members shall serve a three (3) year term; One (1) member shall serve a two (2) year term; and Two (2) members shall serve a one (1) year term. Thereafter, any positions filled by Selectboard members will remain as a one (1) year term and all other members shall serve for terms of three (3) years.

Be it further resolved, the Local Cannabis Control Commission of (the town) will:

- a) Review information provided by the State Cannabis Control Board;
- b) Review information provided by applicants for the approval or denial of a local control license;

- c) Will communicate approval, denial, or conditions placed on the local control license to licensees and to the State Cannabis Control Board; and
- d) Comply with the provisions of 7 V.S.A. § 863 and Cannabis Control Board Rule 2.14.

Said Resolution is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_ Day of May 2022

By: Town of Chester Selectboard

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Arne Jonynas

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Heather Chase

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Leigh Dakin

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Ben Whalen

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Lee Gustafson

**Reisa A. Alexander**  
2527 Trebo Road  
PO Box 1302, Chester, VT 05143

April 28, 2022

Julie S. Hance  
Town Manager  
Chester, VT 05143

Dear Select Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for appointment to Chester's first Local Cannabis Control Commission.

First, a bit about me: Relative to the town of Chester, I have owned a home and property on upper Trebo Road since 2015. My young, pre-teen daughter and I now live there full-time.

I am interested in serving on the commission for several reasons.

Primarily, I feel that the new, state retail cannabis laws did not provide, well-enough, for the ability of small towns to ensure and maintain the sense of character that they have worked years to develop and may continue to strive toward. I see that, particularly in our town of Chester, many years have been spent on improvement projects spearheaded by both the town government and caring community members. While I am not opposed to a retail dispensary, as a commission member, I would hope to help our community manage the location and environment of a dispensary, such that it does not have a negative effect on the town as a whole.

Importantly, as a commission member, I would also strive to ensure that the relationship between the Local Cannabis Control Commission and prospective dispensary owners is in no way adversarial. I believe that we can all work together – select board, commission, community members, and dispensary owners and patrons – to address and solve any issues or concerns.

Finally, I have been looking for ways to contribute to the Chester community. Serving on Chester's Local Cannabis Control Commission seems to be a good opportunity to get involved in helping town residents to work together to address community growth, changes, and concerns --- and to help ensure, simultaneously, that Chester maintains its wonderful, community-oriented, village character.

Sincerely,

Reisa Alexander  
(413) 362-0157

## Julie Hance

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**From:** Craig Miller <cmiller@cmcllc-vt.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 6:01 PM  
**To:** Julie Hance  
**Subject:** RE: Cannabis panel

Hi Julie

I would like to through my hat into the ring for a slot on the Cannabis Control Panel.

Over the years I have been involved in a few civic organizations, Chester Rod and Gun Club, Vermont Federation of Sportsman, Champion Lands Use and a proponent for reform of the Family Court System to provide equity for Child Custody and Alimony Reform. I have also worked for several large publicly traded companies in the IT Industry.

As retirement is upon me, I would enjoy the opportunity to give back to my community that I have been a part of for the past 20+ years.

Regards

Craig Miller  
1116 Vt 103  
Chester, Vt. 05143  
802-299-5108  
[cmiller@cmcllc-vt.com](mailto:cmiller@cmcllc-vt.com)

## Julie Hance

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**From:** Thomas Simmons <milburncreek@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:39 PM  
**To:** Julie Hance  
**Subject:** Cannabis Control Board

Julie,

I would like to be considered for the Cannabis Control Board.

I have lived in Chester for more than 5 years; have spent 25 years teaching economics, entrepreneurship, & business at the college level; served for a decade as the Administrator of a Regional Planning Commission in Massachusetts; and am currently an outreach specialist at Senior Solutions. In addition I have more than decade of experience as a staff officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Thank you  
Thom Simmons

April 28, 2022

Chester Selectboard  
Chester, VT

Esteemed Selectboard Members:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the local cannabis control commission.

I moved to our lovely town of Chester in the fall of 2020. I grew up and lived a large portion of my life in rural Pennsylvania. After my divorce, I moved to the Washington, D.C., area as I wasn't getting any younger and wanted to experience city life. I had often thought about retiring in Vermont (you have Newhart to thank for that) but when COVID hit, I fast-forwarded my plans absent the retirement part. Unfortunately, because of COVID, I have not ventured out as much as I would like to, but my goal is to be an active and productive member of our community.

The talents that I feel I may bring to the board are I have been described as diplomatic and a mediator. In addition, I also have years of experience in the legal profession, having worked 6 years for a president judge, as well as in private practice, and human resources. I also hold a degree in paralegal studies. These educational and life experiences may prove useful to the committee.

Below is a list of various boards and elected positions that I have served in.

Association of Legal Administrators Capital Chapter, Member 2010 – 2021

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board, Member 2010

Towanda Borough Zoning Hearing Board, Member 2009 – 2010

Monroeton Public Library Board, Member/Treasurer 2003 – 2009

Towanda Area School Board: Member/Treasurer/Vice President/President 1995 - 2003

Towanda Area Family Center, Governing Board Member 1995 - 2003

Penn State Cooperative Extension Child Care Advisory Board, Member 1997 – 1999

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, and good luck in your decision.

Best,

Susan Bailey

## Julie Hance

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**From:** Arianna Knapp <aknapp4ns@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** Julie Hance  
**Subject:** VT Journal article follow up

Dear Ms. Hance,

Having just read the VT Journal article regarding Chester's consideration of retail Cannabis ordinances and planning, I wanted to express an interest in being considered as a potential community member to serve on a Cannabis board for the Chester community.

I am a life-long Vermonter and an executive for a company in NYC and LA. I am a permanent Chester resident who works remotely. I am a responsible recreational Cannabis user and due to my extensive travel for work, I have visited successful, and not-so-successful dispensaries in MA, NV, CO, WA, and CA.

My husband works at the Springfield Hospital, my Mother lives at Senior Circle. I am invested in Chester and in Vermont. I have raised five children who are now in their 20's and 30's.

As an executive vice-president in a creative industry I have spent decades listening to multiple perspectives and discovering collaborative paths forward with respect and clarity.

I would be interested in learning more about plans as they take shape, and would welcome the opportunity to meet in person or via zoom or telephone to talk further about the nature of the next steps.

Best,

Arianna Knapp  
she/her/hers  
802.299.6575

Mattson Rd., Chester

8 High Street  
Chester, VT 05143

April 25, 2022

Dear Select Board Members:

I am submitting my name for consideration to serve on the Town of Chester Cannabis Control Commission. My reason for volunteering is the same as that for serving in other community roles – to contribute to the town in which I live and to work to ensure that Chester remains a vibrant, sustainable, and economically viable community that attracts and retains residents and their families who will then in turn help support and enrich Chester.

Because the regulatory structure established by the State limits the authority of local commissions to matters related to zoning and nuisance laws, I believe my volunteer and professional experience is relevant and helpful. I have served as a Vermont Town Administrator and Zoning Administrator, where I worked closely with both the Planning Commission and Development Review Board. I also have experience working with a town attorney in the preparation of briefs for the State Environmental Court.

Before finding my home in Vermont, I was a Planning Board member and member of citizens' committee responsible for the evaluation and updating of municipal zoning regulations. Additionally, I served for seven years as the Executive Director of a non-profit corporation working on issues of economic development and sustainability in small, rural communities. I also co-presented workshops on regulatory issues in partnership with the New York Department of State and community seminars sponsored by local and regional non-profits. I also served in an executive leadership role in the largest government agency in New York State.

As the CEO of a consulting firm, I provided guidance to public and private entities on issues related to regulatory compliance. I served as a contributing writer for the American Bar Association, where I drafted guidance for compliance with domestic and international law and presented seminars and training sessions for attorneys and compliance officers. I have also created policy and procedure documents for dozens of corporations and government agencies and was a co-author of a widely adopted manual for compliance with certain aspects of Federal law. I also served as a guest lecturer at the State University of New York at Cobleskill, focusing on the opportunities and challenges facing rural communities.

I currently serve locally as a Chester Justice of the Peace and member of the Board of Civil Authority, the Chair of the Whiting Library Board of Trustees, a member of the Williams River Water Testing Team, a participant in various local community groups, and a board member of Chester Community Alliance.

I live in Chester with my wife of 26 years and feel fortunate to be part of this community and to be able to contribute to it in whichever way I can.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert Nied



## Julie Hance

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**From:** Barre Pinske <barrepinske@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 11:06 AM  
**To:** Julie Hance  
**Subject:** Please confirm you received this! Thank you.

Barre Pinske  
Barrepinske@hotmail.com  
508-965-3211  
Local Cannabis Control Commission applicant.

Attention: Town manger and Select Board Members.

Thank you all for the work you do for our town. I think we all would agree the best committees are made up of the best people possible that would be my goal for this committee. That being said let me assure you I will have no hard feelings if not appointed I'm glad you have a few people to choose from. I did encourage more committee diversity than Select Board members via zoom and I'm stepping up if needed.

I think as a formality having a member of the planning commission on the Cannabis commission would be a good thing. As you all know I'm on the planning board I believe it's been five years now. I was also on the down town master plan committee which helped shape the town plan. Last year I was asked by Lee Whiting to help with bringing back the Fall Festival I think the great weather helped a lot, there was a good team involved and it was quite a success.

I understand retail cannabis will change a town in some way I think how we handle that is going to be very very important. A question I may propose to the commission is how we can shape this process in a way that will reflect well on our town considering it's happening like it or not? I think if we play or cards right we can absorb the legal and cultural changes well. My help with the Fall Festival involved some PR skills I have this may be an opportunity for that.

Also, as a person with a genetic predisposition alcoholism and drug addiction I could also bring a unique perspective to the group. I have had to reach out for help and make tough choices. Choosing sobriety seems like an easy choice but we all know way too well be it personally, from a loved one's struggles or a friend's it's not. I have been sober from drugs and alcohol for over 35 years. I have had a lot of help along the way. ( It's obvious I could use more help! Lol ) I care deeply about people struggling with addiction it's crazy so many are so hard to reach and so hard to help. I also know most people are not addicts so recreational use is not compulsive or self-destructive if done in moderation. Most social gatherings I go to drinking is part of it and many friends are growing a little cannabis now that it's legal to do so. I think my sobriety, my understanding of addiction and my comfort with others choices could be very beneficial to the commission. I get understand it all.

From my perspective this ship has sailed we certainly can be there make sure the rules are followed. I have no strong opinions or an agenda I'm interested in pursuing. My goal would be to help us get though this process in the best way possible way and not have the process reflect negatively on our community. As I mentioned I'd like to see us shine more light on addiction, recovery, the value of sobriety along with protecting peoples freedom to recreate responsibly with in the law. I believe we can do these things.

Respectfully,  
Barre Pinske

I am happy to take calls or answer emails.