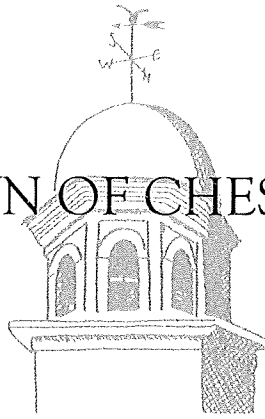


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SELECTBOARD PUBLIC HEARING

June 1, 2022
6:30 p m.

1. Public Hearing re: Proposed Amendment to Unified Development Bylaws

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

To follow public hearing

1. Approve Minutes from the May 4, 2022 Selectboard Meeting
2. Citizen Comments/Answers from Previous Meeting
3. Old Business
4. Adopt Amendment to Unified Development Bylaws
5. Police Department Assessment; Update
6. Grant Application seeking Additional Funds for Depot Street; approve LOS
7. Grant Application for Northern Border Regional Commission Grant; Approve LOS
8. Sign Cemetery Deeds
9. New Business/Next Agenda
10. Adjourn

Selectboard Memo

June 1, 2022

Zoning Public Hearing:

I previously forwarded a copy of the zoning amendment. If you need another copy, please let me know. This will be your first "of one or more public hearings" required by Statute. I have added an agenda item for adoption should you choose to do that this evening. If not, you can discuss and we can add to another agenda.

Citizen's Comments from Previous Meeting

No Citizen's Comments.

Old Business/Last Meeting:

Solar Field: Having significant issues locating an appraisal firm. This morning I received yet another name who I will be reaching out to.

Vermont Route 10: As requested, enclosed is the crash data for Vt. Route 10 from 1/1/2010 through today.

Popple Dungeon: The bridge replacement work will begin on Popple Dungeon this summer. The road closure will begin June 13 and will reopen the week of August 21 at the latest. Letters have been sent to all property owners on Popple Dungeon and off roads, as well as the Towns of Windham and Andover.

ARPA Meeting: As you know, the ARPA meeting was held in early May. I have heard from several citizens since that meeting and added their comments to the list. I am assembling all ideas together and plan to present at the next meeting.

Public Safety Forum: The Public Safety Community Forum was held last evening. There were not many in attendance. However, there was great conversation and questions from those that were there. We plan to hold another forum in the near future.

Reminder: Sunday, June 5 from 7:30 – 10: a.m. – Breakfast at the Public Safety Building

Adopt Unified Development Bylaws:

Here if you need it.

Police Department Assessment:

Jim Baker is well underway with the Police Department Assessment. I have enclosed the Scope of Work to give you an idea of how he will be performing his assessment.

My next task is to form a few focus groups that will represent various factions of town. Jim will be meeting with each focus group to hear their comments and/or concerns and ascertain what they would like to see from our Police Department. Focus groups will be as the following: public service agencies; local businesses; village residents; back road residents. If anyone in the community is interested in participating in these focus groups please let me know.

Grant App for Depot Street:

I am applying for additional funding for the Depot Street project. I am awaiting final numbers from Naomi on what is needed, but it will be in the range of \$300,000. I will have the final number by the meeting. I need authorization from you to sign the enclosed letter of support.

Grant App for NBRC:

I am applying for funding through the Norther Borders Regional Commission to seek funding for a joint project with Drews. This project will earn funding for installation of their Cooling Tunnel as well as a pH monitor and SCADA system for the sewer plant.

The Cooling Tunnel for Drews will be matched with funds from Drews. This tunnel will allow them to use recycled water to cool their jars, rather than potable water from the system. This will alleviate the use of approximately 30,000 gallons of water per day, as well as the need to process that water at the sewer plant. In addition, this will free up these gallons for further allocation to other incoming businesses.

The pH monitor will help the well and sewer plant monitor incoming flows and automatically adjust chemicals to help balance the pH. The SCADA system is a monitoring system for the valves in the sewer plant. These were both items that were part of the plant upgrade in 2002 but were cut due to budget overruns.

This grant is a 50/50 match. Funds for the town's portion will be paid through the fund balance of both water and sewer and is anticipate to be approximately \$300,000. I am working on additional funding to provide the match.



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CHESTER SELECTBOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT BYLAWS

The Chester Selectboard will convene a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Chester Town Hall at 556 Elm Street in Chester, Vermont. The proposed development bylaws amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission and submitted to the Selectboard pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4441(g).

The principal purpose of the proposed development bylaws amendment is to create a new Village Green (VG) District and to modify the definitions of certain uses. The new Village Green district will affect the area on the southwest side of Main Street between School and Cobleigh Streets. The definition changes will affect every geographical area of Chester. The section headings created or affected by the proposed development bylaws amendment are Section 2.3.1-Village Green (VG) District; Section 3.20-Off Street Parking; Section 3.26-Signs; Section 4.8-Conditional Uses; Section 5.6-Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources; and Section 8.2-Definitions.

The full text of the proposed amendment to the Town of Chester Unified Development Bylaws may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office and on the home page of the Town's website at www.chestervt.gov.

A link to participate in this hearing via Zoom videoconference may be found on the Town of Chester website home page at www.chestervt.gov under Zoom Meetings: Select Board Meeting.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 5th day of May 2022.
Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont

TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECTBOARD MEETING
May 4, 2022, Draft Minutes

Board Members Present: Arne Jonynas, Ben Whalen, and Lee Gustafson, Heather Chase and at Town Hall; and Leigh Dakin via Zoom.

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

Visitors Present: Bill Lindsay, Leslie Thorsen, Reisa Alexander, Tom Diak, Robert Nied, Shawn Cunningham, Amanda Silva, Arianna Knapp, Steve Vertefuelle, Barre Pinske, Jeannie Wade, and Matt Wade at Town Hall; and Craig Miller, Ethan Weinstein, Joy Slaughter, SAPA TV, Linda Diak, Cynthia Prairie, and Hugh Quinn via Zoom.

Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 1, Approve minutes from the April 20, 2022, Meeting

Lee moved and Leigh seconded to approve the April 20th minutes. Arne asked if there were any changes and there were none. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 2, Citizens Comments/Answers from Previous Meeting

No comments.

Agenda Item 3, Old Business

Report given by the Town Manager:

Solar Field

Julie sent in the exercise notice which was received and acceptable. Julie is seeking an appraiser and found two firms: one out of Boston, which is a nationwide appraiser; and one in Burlington. She will get costs from both and their availability. She is still trying to collect all the data from Green Mountain and upon receipt, Lee and she will start the analysis. Bill Lindsay may also help.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Monday, May 9th will be the ARPA Community Forum where Chester residents/citizens will offer suggestions on ways to spend the approximate \$900,000 ARPA money, which sounds like a lot but isn't. She hopes to hear how the community wants their tax dollars spent. It needs to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. She has the department heads' lists of what they would like the money spent on but would refrain from sharing it on the 9th so as not to hinder people from offering their thoughts and ideas. They will have future meetings to discuss ideas.

Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. will be the Public Safety Forum at the new Public Safety Building. It will be an opportunity for Chester residents to speak with the chiefs of the police, fire, and ambulance about what public safety means to them and things they would like to see in order to start bridging and have open communication between the public safety services and the community of Chester. There will be more coming.

1 Sunday, June 5th from 7:30 to 10:00 is the first Public Safety Department Community Breakfast.
2 The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. They are hoping people come to support it and
3 that it will be a great opportunity for the public to connect with the Public Safety Department.

4 Traffic Counts

5 Julie received an email from Regional Planning and the State will be doing traffic counts on Route
6 10, Route 103 South of Flamstead, and Route 11, east of the Green. They will be using strips. They
7 will share the data with Julie. She was more excited about the traffic counts on 103 because she
8 was hoping to write a grant for a scoping study for a sidewalk to the high school. The traffic counts
9 will help. Lee asked if it would be both count and speed. Julie said just count. Lee asked if they
10 could collect speed data. Julie said they could get speed data from their signs. Lee pointed out
11 there were no signs on Route 10 and Julie said she would ask about Route 10. Arne asked for any
12 crash data and Julie said she received the updated crash data yesterday. Arne was pleased they
13 would be able to put it all together.

14 **Agenda Item 4, Police Advisory Committee**

15 Arne said there was an update on a Police Advisory Committee they had been discussing for about
16 a year. There were reasons why it hasn't gone as quickly as some thought they should. Jim Baker
17 will start the study at the end of May. Part of the reason for the delay was conflicting schedules
18 between Jim and the town. Some of the questions they had were what an advisory committee
19 would look like and did the board and/or community want an advisory committee. It came up at
20 their last meeting under citizens comments but that limited discussion. It should be a posted agenda
21 item in order to have an in-depth discussion. Jim's questions were how the board wants to proceed
22 with it and what is their take on it. Lee said the question that came immediately to mind was what
23 the role, responsibility, and scope of the committee was. He didn't know the answer to those
24 questions. He hoped when the review of the police department and current policies was finished it
25 would answer those questions, including whether the advisory committee was needed.

26 Heather asked if they had reviewed different policies a year or so ago and Julie said they had.
27 Heather thought that was when they decided they needed input from the consultant and so she
28 thought, from what they knew, it would be a good thing to have but they needed clarification on
29 what the direction was. Lee asked her what she saw the role of the commission being. Heather
30 recalled reading what other towns had done, which varied from reviewing things to participating
31 and hiring to community policing events. As she recalled, some of those documents they read of
32 how other towns were doing it, it was really an interfacing between the police and the public and
33 giving feedback. She didn't think transparency and participation could hurt. Lee agreed. In her
34 view, she thought it was a good thing but was not ready to answer what Lee had asked. She wasn't
35 educated about it enough yet to know what the community needed. Julie's idea of doing it as part
36 of the assessment seemed logical to her at the time. COVID and other things have pushed it down
37 further than they expected. However, to Julie's earlier point, they want to set up and do it right if
38 they're going to do it.

39 Leigh asked if after Jim has done the police department internal assessment, could he present his
40 thoughts and directions to the board that they may want to consider. Arne thought it would be part
41 of the presentation after he has prepared the document. In preparation of the document, there would
42 be quite a few community forums to gather public input. Arne said they had discussed an
43 oversighted advisory and he thought that was the direction the board wanted to go as far as not
44 oversight because it was a little too much power in the control of citizens who weren't familiar

1 with what was going on in the police department and involved more legal aspects to it as far as
2 information sharing. He thought any committee they set up that helps with communication and
3 getting the message out between the police department and the public and helps transparency
4 happen would be a good thing. What shape or form it would take could be determined as they go
5 forward. He thought Jim Baker's report would play a big part. Since it was coming up relatively
6 soon, it would help. Arne asked Julie to fill them in on how it would work.

7 Julie said she would be meeting with him next week to finalize the scope of his study, but it would
8 start with him meeting with all their police officers. He would conduct a full review of how the
9 department operates, their policies, their procedures, and their day-to-day activity. He would then
10 speak with each officer independently and learn of any concerns they have or ideas they would
11 like to see. They have ideas how they would like to see the department improve. She and Jim have
12 talked about a series of focus group meetings where maybe there are focus groups of businesses,
13 charity groups in towns, concerned citizens who live outside the village, and concerned citizens
14 who live inside the village. What policing means to those groups and demographics is different.
15 He wants to meet with a good cross section of the community and find out what they're looking
16 for. Community policing has become a big tagline, but it has different meanings to different people
17 and is not just one definition. The community will be heavily involved. As a result of that, there
18 should be a report that guides them where to go. This is what your community wants including
19 how you should tailor your police department, hire more officers, or spend more time running
20 radar and outsource other things. Jim can guide them through the whole process. He's digesting
21 the conversation he and Julie had the other day. He has a very good reputation and is hard to get
22 and they managed to snag him, and Julie was very happy about that.

23 Heather asked if she told him about the community committee. Julie said she let him know there
24 has been conversations about having an advisory committee and he will include pros and cons of
25 things to consider if that is the route they decide to take.

26 Ben said Colonel Baker had state police experience and was recently assigned to help corrections
27 figure out some things and at the same time, was heavily involved with mental health of first
28 responders throughout the state. Ben said, for him, he wasn't ready to start anything. He thought
29 it would be good to wait for his study before acting. He had confidence the Colonel would do a
30 great job. Leigh agreed with Ben.

31 Arne asked if they could get a document or see a sample of an evaluation he had done for another
32 police department. Julie would ask. Julie said Chester's is a little different because it has a strong
33 community element that others don't. Julie said they are tailored. Arne said maybe the question
34 would be something similar or related to what they are looking for because if it was totally off
35 base, it wouldn't be helpful.

36 Heather asked what timeframe it would be until they had a report in hand if he was coming at the
37 end of May. Julie had been told a good 6 weeks because of the level of community involvement
38 Julie was asking for. Heather thought it would make some people happy to know they would be
39 discussing it in a couple of months. She thought it was quick.

40 Arne said part of the discussion was to get the word out to the public to ensure them they haven't
41 forgotten about it. They were doing something and in Julie's words, they just want to make sure
42 they're doing it right. Leigh agreed.

43 Lee wanted to encourage everyone to tell their neighbors about it. They want everyone in the

community to have an opportunity to be part of this issue. Leigh agreed.

Ben said he wouldn't call it an issue. It was a time for growth and if they go about it as an issue, there will always be frustrations from someone with the police department but growing and seeing how they can make the communication better. He thought communication and growth was key. He said as far as the communication and involvement, what are the things they love about the police department and what are the things they need to make better.

Julie said it was an important reminder that the conversation started more than a year ago and it wasn't just being done for the police department. She is going through each town department and conducting internal assessments. Police, fire, and ambulance are departments that she must hire an external person to assess because she doesn't know their jobs. Ambulance was done first because it was the department that needed to be rebuilt so they brought in Dan Manza last year. It was successful. They made some internal changes, and the department is growing and doing much better. Police is all timing with the new building, and it seemed appropriate. For fire they did an internal assessment. All the firemen were spoken to, and they made some changes. She was now working with public works. It wasn't only the police but was part of a very long process of assessing each department. She deals with department heads daily and almost never with the staff under them. So, part of the assessment has been one on ones with staff learning their concerns. It's been a good learning opportunity. They are people she has worked with for 18 years. She's learned a lot that she did not know.

Heather said all those activities not only bring out concerns but, to Ben's point, a good assessment evaluates the standards for x, y, and z. If it's going well, don't change it. It provides information. She suspected they would receive positive feedback, as well. Arne said it was important to emphasize the positive, as Ben said. Leigh thought it was excellent.

Jeannie Wade spoke and said when they make the committee up, to have people on the committee in law enforcement, emergency dispatch, community building, people who know the field and to keep politics out of it making infrastructure strong. Chester has a few police officers who are high in the ranks and have been in for years. She wanted people on the committee who don't have a political agenda but want better emergency services. Her father was a bigtime police officer for many years and always talked about community building as a police officer, which starts with the police officers building a relationship with residents. She would start with giving them the tools and ability to have conversations with people. Julie said that was the goal. Arne thanked her for the points and hoped she would be involved in the process as they went forward.

Agenda Item 5, Public Safety Building Update on 5-year Plan

Lee gave a presentation as Chair of the Building Committee. He gave history of what they had done over the past couple of months. He said they had discussions about the long-term goal of the emergency services departments and how they build community for that. The Emergency Services Building Committee has met four or five times and has developed a long-term plan that includes some on the 5-year level. They addressed community outreach because they want people to feel comfortable coming to the emergency services departments and know who they're dealing with, so they are planning to hold some open houses annually with demonstrations at the new building and similar events as needed or as opportunities arise. They held an open house when the building was first opened. It was a daylong event that included food, demonstrations, and tours of the building and meeting emergency services personnel. They will host dinners during the wintertime, special activities, and the National Night Out will be held at the new building. Having the

1 opportunity for people to feel welcome at the new building and help people understand to access
2 the building from the front. Currently, there is training inside the building and the area behind the
3 building. The area behind is being used by police, fire, and emergency medical services training
4 and will be used for regional training attended by other communities. They want to encourage
5 safety and while it's a public building, it's not necessarily a community building. They want to
6 encourage people to access the building from the front. The five-year plan is to do something with
7 the flat area in the back to enhance training options. They would be a host facility, which would
8 waive the fee for Chester personnel attending. They could use the area for emergency helicopter
9 landings. Currently, there are 1 to 2 a month and in order to accommodate a landing in town, they
10 need 3 to 6 people and 2 to 3 vehicles. If the facility behind the building was used, they wouldn't
11 need anyone available because it would already be preapproved. It would require a little bit of
12 work to the property to make it level. One of the plans for the building was to have lighting back
13 there and although it wasn't added in the construction, the electric conduits are in place for the
14 lighting needs. They could add resources for fire training or dog training in the back of the
15 property. They would like to add a sidewalk in the front of the building. Adding a crosswalk is
16 something they'd like to do but they may need state approval as it crosses a state highway. They
17 also discussed landscaping. They thought a memorial park, like what the fire academy has, would
18 be a good addition. It would have something for each of the three services with flagpoles in the
19 center for the U.S. and Vermont flags and one for each service and seating bench and an area for
20 gathering for memorial services and an adjustment to the parking areas and adding striping to make
21 the parking stand out. They would like to direct traffic to the front of the building and limit access
22 specifically to areas where emergency vehicles travel. A four-foot black chain-link fence running
23 from the front along the southern property line all the way to the back would create a safety barrier.
24 400 feet of four-foot fence would cost \$14,150. This would address safety issues with training and
25 for emergency services personnel as the training includes ATVs, dogs, and other things. 5 out of
26 the 24 fire department personnel are women and 17 out of 20 of the ambulance personnel are also
27 women. Just having that fence would provide a higher level of safety for visitors and personnel.

28 An unidentified woman in the audience asked how a four-foot fence would protect women. Lee
29 said people are accessing the property from the sides instead of entering from the front. Lee said
30 the fence would slow down people for access and direct them to the front of the building. She
31 asked if a four-foot fence made sense to him in terms of security. She asked if there was a
32 documented system to see who breaches the fence. She asked if there was a security system. Lee
33 said they have cameras and there's been documented incidents of people accessing the property.
34 She wasn't understanding how the fence was effective. She said they were redirecting people who
35 wanted to be predatory. Lee said they were funneling people to the front where they have people
36 in the offices in the front during the day.

37 Arne thanked Lee for the report and said it was a catalyst for a lot of positive things and it was
38 good to see that a group was getting together to discuss a five-year plan. He was aware security
39 issues had brought it about and was thankful they were addressing it. He hoped the fence looked
40 inviting from both sides. Lee said that's why they thought a four-foot fence would be better
41 because you could still see over it, and through it. Arne recalled zoning pushback they received
42 when the helicopter was first discussed, so he wondered if that would be part of the process. Julie
43 said they weren't talking about a helicopter pad. She said currently they land wherever they have
44 space. Arne thought wherever they have space, and a specific area were two different items. He
45 wasn't sure if it was a zoning issue but was worth looking into. Heather thought with a fence going
46 up that it would be nice to get the abutting neighbors feedback and how they felt about helicopters

1 landing there all the time. Lee clarified that 1 to 2 helicopters a month didn't mean all times of the
2 day and that emergencies require the need and then referenced the horrific accident on Route 103.
3 But he understood what she was saying and wasn't disagreeing. Heather thought when they decide
4 to allow helicopters land routinely it would be good public communication to reach out to the
5 people who live there and get their buy-in before they do it. It was just being a good neighbor. She
6 wanted the costs of the helicopter landing area versus the helicopter landing at the Catholic Church
7 or softball field. Lee said the lighting wasn't related to the helicopter though would be beneficial.
8 The flattening was related to the training area though would be an added benefit once the flattening
9 was done and the lighting installed it would assist with the landing but wasn't necessarily directed
10 at the helicopter aspect. He wanted to make sure they all understand the flat area behind the
11 building was for training and would be a huge benefit for them as a town to have an area flat, open,
12 and secure that they can conduct training.

13 Arne offered the floor to Ben who had indicated he wanted to talk. Ben said the concept of regular
14 helicopter landings needed definition. He thought 2 a month was high and was probably closer to
15 1 a month. He thought they should have good communication with the neighbors. As far as options,
16 when the fire department is called for a helicopter landing, the first thought is whether anyone is
17 attending church, if the parking lot is full, where do they relocate, if necessary, how much time
18 they have, and needed coordinates. The idea of a landing zone is a place that has the operational
19 requirements that DHART is looking for. Heather said the Springfield helicopter pad was an area
20 with fence around it. Ben said the concerns of hazards are trees and powerlines that may obstruct
21 the helicopter. As far as lighting, it was minimal. They suggest the fields of the schools and at the
22 same time, they don't want that. Heather said she wasn't against it but didn't know the pricing on
23 things. Ben said with respect to a fence, as someone who has been at the building multiple times
24 and then suddenly someone is walking their dog outback who shouldn't be there, or there's kids
25 cutting through and so on, there's an amount of liability. To what Lee was saying, directing them
26 to the front, there's no chance of someone getting hit and that was a big reason for it. They want it
27 to look friendly and inviting but at the same time, it's his opinion behind the building is not a great
28 place for people to be.

29 Arne agreed that in an emergency, it would be nice to have a designated place for the helicopter.
30 Ben said he oversees the campus for the Fire Academy, and they have designated viewing areas
31 for people to watch but those are the sections they've determined are safe. This was no different.
32 He clarified the Fire Academy, itself, does not have a memorial. There is one on campus, but it's
33 operated by someone else.

34 Arne was glad there was a committee considering all the aspects of the emergency services
35 building, as it is new, and they don't know what changes it may need, or what the future holds.
36 Ben said the elementary school reached out to him this year and it was nice to suggest a field trip
37 to the fire station and both kindergarten classes will be coming. They would be giving them ice
38 cream, too. They would not have been able to do that at the old station. Heather said it was a great
39 community outreach. Leigh thought so too. Hopefully it would become a tradition going to the
40 station.

41 Lee wanted to open it up to Steve Vertefuelle and Amanda Silva.

42 Steve said Lee hit the nail on the head and every point they were trying to make. The biggest thing
43 is public safety. During training, they don't want to worry about someone coming over where they
44 are and getting hurt because accidents happen. Heather said it was nice for her to hear positive

1 things going on about building. She thought it had made a big change. Steve said the amount of
2 people that stop by at the new station versus the old station was 30 to 40 compared to maybe 6 in
3 the 6 or 7 years he's been here. Heather said the lettering looked fantastic. Steve thanked everyone.

4 Arne thanked Lee and his committee for their work. Lee said it was a great group and he
5 appreciated their efforts.

6 **Agenda Item 6, Adopt Local Emergency Operations Plan**

7 Julie said they sign it every year and it's required to obtain grant funding. This year there was a
8 change in ambulance chief. Dan is gone and Amanda Silva stepped up. They also changed the
9 primary emergency operations center from Town Hall to the new emergency services building.
10 Other than that, the content was reviewed by the chiefs and there were no other major changes.
11 Heather moved for Julie to sign the local emergency operations plan dated May 4, 2022, and Lee
12 seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

13 **Agenda Item 7, Liquor License and Entertainment Approval**

14 A 1st and 2nd class liquor license for Bea Better Food Company at 90 on The Commons was signed
15 by the board members.

16 An entertainment permit for PJ's Kitchen was signed by the board members.

17 **Agenda Item 8, Local Cannabis Control Commission Resolution adoption & Potential** 18 **Candidate Interviews and Appointments**

19 In their packets they got a resolution for a local cannabis control commission for Chester, Vermont.
20 They previously had said 5 members, 2 of which would be Selectboard members. Their terms
21 would vary. Arne wanted to touch base on the makeup of the committee. The fact they had 7 people
22 interested, he questioned whether they wanted Selectboard members on it or just leave it as
23 citizens. Lee preferred to have Selectboard members as part of the committee from the standpoint
24 of having leaders from town involved. Leigh agreed. They would be able to answer questions and
25 give guidance as to what the board may be thinking and bring topics of discussion or questions
26 back to the board. Heather thought either way was fine. Leigh liked having Selectboard members.
27 She thought the state would be conducting training and didn't think they had moved too far ahead
28 because they had a low workforce. She said there were two willing volunteers from the
29 Selectboard, and she thought an odd number of members was best, so 5 or 7, including the two
30 Selectboard members. She had read through the resolution and was happy to support it. Arne said
31 the state was just starting to gear up. He said VLCT had a training on Tuesday, May 24th at 10 a.m.
32 and would be for members of the local cannabis control commissions to ask questions and learn.

33 Ben said the biggest thing that had been eye opening for him was what the commission could do,
34 which was just reviewing and to an extent, not much. He wanted to make sure everyone on the
35 commission was up to speed on the role they would be filling. He wondered if that was something
36 that would have a guide or if it was just the commission. Julie said the commission would nominate
37 themselves a chair and vice chair, but she could certainly attend the meetings. Ben said he wasn't
38 signing her up for that. He thought 7, which was an odd number, would work. He thought 9 was
39 too large. Arne suggested wording of a board of 5 to 7 people and up to 2 Selectboard members.
40 In this case, they would have 5 citizens and 2 Selectboard members. People drop out and it could
41 change. Arne said the Selectboard could decide they don't need to be involved and step back.
42 Heather thought they could do 1 and 6. Arne said that type of wording would give them some
43 flexibility and Heather thought that was good. No more than 2, and 5 to 7 members was agreed

1 upon for wording. Leigh asked where the resolution for the local cannabis control commission
2 came from. Julie said it was attached to the guidance document she gave them at the last meeting.
3 It was the resolution the state recommended. The two “be it further” clauses were specific to
4 Chester relating to the size of the commission and terms of appointment was language Julie added.

5 Arne read the resolution for the local cannabis control commission, Chester, Vermont:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 Be it further resolved that, the Local Commission will consist of five to seven members in total
23 that will include individuals from the Chester community as well as no more than two members
24 of the Chester Selectboard.

25 Be it further resolved, that the Chester Selectboard shall appoint members of the local commission
26 to serve initial terms as follows: two members shall serve a three year term; one member shall
27 serve a two year term; and two members shall serve a one year term. Thereafter, any positions
28 filled by the Selectboard members will remain as one year term and all other members shall serve
29 for terms of three years.

30 Be it further resolved, the Local Cannabis Control Commission of the town will: a) Review
31 information provided by the State Cannabis Control Board; b) Review information provided by
32 applicants for the approval or denial of a local control license; c) Will communicate approval,
33 denial, or conditions placed on the local control license to licensees and to the State Cannabis
34 Control Board; and d) Comply with the provisions of 7 V.S.A. § 863 and Cannabis Control Board
35 Rule 2.14.

36 Said resolution is hereby approved this 4th day of May, 2022 by the Town of Chester Selectboard.

37 Heather moved and Leigh seconded a motion to accept the resolution. There was no further
38 discussion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

39 **Agenda Item 10, Executive Session Interviews for Local Cannabis Control Commission**

40 Arne said they were going to do individual interviews in executive session, but he didn't think

1 there was much of a need to do it in executive session and if the board agreed, they could say in
2 open session what was in their letter regarding why they wanted to be on the commission and tell
3 a little bit about themselves. After they hear from all the candidates, they would hold an executive
4 session to discuss the appointments. Heather and Leigh were fine with it. The remaining members
5 were, as well.

6 Susan Bailey, recording secretary, said she moved to Chester a couple years ago and moved from
7 the Northern Virginia/DC metro area and was originally from rural Pennsylvania. She had spent
8 most of her life working in the legal profession and held an associates degree in paralegal studies.
9 She has held various board positions, including public school board, Big Brothers/Big Sisters,
10 library board, and the Penn State Cooperative Extension. She thought some of the talents she would
11 bring to the board were being described as a mediator and being diplomatic. She thought they were
12 good talents to have in a board dealing with various personalities. She had worked in human
13 resources and thought her legal experience would be helpful. Arne thanked Susan.

14 Robert Nied said it was important to him to be involved in the community he lives in as it was
15 good for him and made him feel like he was contributing something. He is currently involved in
16 several areas in Chester. When he first moved to Vermont, he spent a year as the town
17 administrator and zoning administrator for the town of Londonderry. He was involved in zoning,
18 administration, and regulatory issues. He thought the experience he could bring would be helpful.
19 He spent about three decades in a corporate career as a consultant in the academic world dealing
20 strictly with regulatory compliance, issues and interpretation about regulation. That has been his
21 career, his life, and his expertise. It boiled down to an issue of regulation that comes down from
22 the legislators. He thought the regulation they were dealing with now would evolve over time
23 considering the changes in other states and communities. He thought when the industry shakes out
24 in Vermont, there may be changes coming from the state Cannabis Control Commission and
25 maybe from the legislator adjusting to the negative and positive realities for the community. He
26 thought having the experience of interpreting and teaching about regulations, and as an advisor to
27 the American Bar Association, he hoped would be helpful. He appreciated the opportunity and
28 said it makes him feel good. Arne and Leigh thanked Robert.

29 Reisa Alexander said relative to the town of Chester has owned property since 2015 on upper
30 Trebo Road and she and her young daughter live there now. She first started driving to and through
31 Chester in 2015. She would come up once a week, then once every other day, and then every day
32 sometimes. One of the things that was so nice was driving through the Town of Chester to get to
33 upper Trebo Road. The town was clean and there were flowers on the bridges were nice. She saw
34 the Dollar General go up and she thought what a nice town. They drove through Stone Village,
35 and it seemed nice. Over time, they got to know the Village Green and bought smoothies and hung
36 out and used the town Wi-Fi. They really have enjoyed the town. There are a lot of mosquitos on
37 Trebo Road, and she has come down at night and walked the Village Green and felt safe. There
38 were two things she said in her letter. She felt the new state retail cannabis laws didn't provide
39 enough to make sure to retain the sense of character in towns like Chester that they noticed when
40 they first started driving through and spending time here. She thought for the Town of Chester, the
41 locals have spent many years and time on improvement projects spearheaded by both the town
42 government and caring community members. She wanted to see that maintained. She said she was
43 not opposed to having a retail cannabis dispensary. She hoped as a commission member she would
44 help the community manage the location and environment and any advertisement so that it didn't
45 have a negative effect on the town. She would strive to ensure the relationship between the

1 Cannabis Control Commission and perspective dispensary owners was in no way adversarial. She
2 didn't believe it needed to be or should be. She thought they could all work together, including the
3 Selectboard, Commission, community members, dispensary owners, and dispensary patrons to try
4 to address or solve any issues they may have. She was not opposed to having retail dispensary but
5 had spent a lot of time in western Massachusetts, particularly the northern part and lived there for
6 a time before COVID. She said as you drive through Springfield on Interstate 91 North or South
7 and there are huge cannabis billboards. She said Route 5 from South Hadley into North Hampton,
8 which is a reputable town, and you see huge cannabis billboards, although she wasn't opposed to
9 a dispensary, she thought they should have some say to how it looked, where it was at and how it
10 was advertised. She wanted to avoid an adversarial relationship and they looked at the well-being
11 of the town. Arne thanked her.

12 Arianna Knapp, a lifelong Vermonter, whose grandfather ran Knapp Farm Supply in Middlebury,
13 her father graduated from Vergennes High School, and she from Colchester High School and she
14 raised 5 kids in the Upper Valley. When her kids were all out of the house, she and her husband
15 decided they could finally get out of the shadow of Dartmouth College and came to Chester and
16 fell madly in love with the house where the Morse boys grew up. They love it here and being a
17 Vermonter is part of who she is. She is also an executive for an entertainment company that's
18 headquartered in Los Angeles and New York. That means she wears her Vermont identity as a
19 gigantic flag every day. She's had to travel all over the country for the last 25 years and thanks to
20 the pandemic, her industry tanked, and she got to go home. She's been home for the past three
21 years and is loving it and doesn't need to travel anymore. It also meant she can finally engage with
22 her community. As someone who formerly traveled 200 days a year, that wasn't an option but now
23 is. As a Colchester high school student, she represented her town at girl's state in Montpelier and
24 went on to represent the State of Vermont at girl's nation. It may have been in 1985 but it shaped
25 her, and she's waited since 1985 for the chance to re-engage with politics or with community
26 engagement and that was part of what brought her here. She would also be the first person to stand
27 up there at the microphone and say she's a consumer of retail cannabis and has been for a few
28 years. She spent a lot of time in Western Mass for work and other reasons and part of that also
29 means she can bring to the Commission having visited and shopped in five of the states in the U.S.
30 that have already legalized it. She has family in Colorado, Washington, California, Nevada, and
31 Massachusetts. She's seen how these things can be run horribly and has seen how they can be done
32 well. For her, the most important thing at this moment in time for Chester is that they take a step
33 back and recognize there is a new industry coming to our state, a new business opportunity, and
34 there are entrepreneurs who want to come to Vermont and want to do things right. The state has
35 gone to great lengths to ensure that Vermont's embracing of cannabis is Vermont. They have struck
36 down half the things Nevada and Washington did and thank goodness we already have no
37 billboards, so that is not going to happen. Her interest in serving on the Commission is to get
38 engaged in Chester but also to look at those incoming entrepreneurs because if they were coming
39 here to start a new business, we would welcome them and invite them. This is an opportunity for
40 them to engage entrepreneurs as they start out in Chester. This is the beginning of something.
41 Vermont has maple syrup, cheese, and craft beer and craft artisans. Cannabis is a crafted item like
42 beer. She is fully aware the commission has only got any jurisdiction over retail, but the fact of the
43 matter is hopefully there are growers, and laboratories and other elements of the industry that may
44 be interested in coming to Chester. They have no control over that. If they have a commission,
45 they'll have communication. If there's a lab coming to Chester, they should know it and participate
46 and not sit back and let the state tell them what's approved and what's not. She wanted to engage

1 with the town members, future entrepreneurs and Selectboard on the committee and promoted
2 doing it in a conscientious intentional way that would allow businesses to thrive in a way that was
3 true to the character of Chester and represents all of them. If someone was coming to town to start
4 selling shoes, they wouldn't necessarily be able to talk with them how their store looks. They have
5 a chance now and if they can do it right, they are setting a foundation for a growth industry that is
6 already legal. There is nothing that will stop the business and she wanted to do it in a way that
7 works for Chester. That was her commitment to Chester and Vermont. Arne thanked her.

8 Craig Miller had lived in rural communities his entire life. He lived in New York farming
9 communities and had been in Chester since 1994. The thing he loved about rural America was all
10 neighborhoods, regardless of whether they were big or small towns, have their own unique culture.
11 But rural America is unique in its blended culture and brings a sense of greater societal good that
12 transcends all the secular and political beliefs that exist. Professionally, his career has taken him
13 all over the country. He has worked in a consultive role both locally and internationally from small
14 to huge Fortune 100 companies. He is at a point in time where he hoped to retire soon and enjoy
15 the chance to give back to his community as he did years ago before children. In the past he worked
16 in several conservation efforts, particularly in Champion lands and its use by the government. He
17 thought what he could bring to the table from his consulting role and work on various committees
18 was a level head. He bases things on facts and helps people understand what that is and hoped to
19 help the community develop a foundation for how they help this industry grow in Vermont. It's
20 here and he was proud Vermont lead the way in legalizing cannabis and proud Chester voted to
21 allow its retail distribution. He saw it as a great opportunity for the town and the state. Arne thanked
22 him.

23 Barre Pinske said for once in his life he was at a loss for words. He didn't feel comfortable
24 competing for a position with community peers, so he wasn't going to view it like that. He thought
25 they may have recalled from his comments on Zoom a while back that it was his idea to have
26 citizens involved on the committee. He is also on the Planning board and has been on for 5 years.
27 He saw a relationship between planning and the committee that he could help with. He hoped they
28 all read the letter he wrote. Because it was a public forum, he was reluctant to discuss some of the
29 private things he included in the letter. One of his interests if he had an opportunity to be a member
30 on the board would be to help them shape how this new business is perceived in the community,
31 like public relations. From his perspective, he thought it was important how they allow it to come
32 in and how it merges in the community. Something he has been fairly good at in his life is he helps
33 promote the Fall Festival and his Big Buzz carving festival. He doesn't do a lot of promotion with
34 his business because he's very busy with the work he has. From a P.R. element, how do they
35 integrate it, so it doesn't disrupt the town? That was his angle. If there are people on different sides
36 of it, the business is going to come anyway and there wasn't much they could do with respect to
37 the regulations and rules because they were coming from the state. How could they make sure it
38 fit in well and be stewards of this new thing going forward? The other thing he thought there were
39 real issues around addiction, especially in our rural community. One of his interests would be if it
40 was moving forward and monies would be generated from the sale of legal marijuana would there
41 be money coming back for education around addiction. As someone who is predisposed to
42 addiction like he was at a young age, that would be an aspect he would want to be part of on the
43 board and how they could get some of the monies back if they were available and have an education
44 element for people in the community and maybe further out so that part of having legal cannabis
45 in the town, there was education about addiction so they could help lower the rate of use for people
46 who struggle with addiction. That would be an element that is a little different and let's make it

1 happen. It was something he would be interested in and hoped it would be part of the commission
2 because it is a big issue here. He knew a lot of employers were having a hard time employing
3 people because people are struggling with drugs and alcoholism. If they could get some cash
4 coming back and education and help, he thought it would be a good thing. Several board members
5 thanked him.

6 Thomas Simmons had withdrawn his name as a candidate.

7 Tom Diak had a background in CM management and fiscal plant management. He had worked for
8 Vermont Academy for 10 years. His wife, Linda, and he live on Main Street. They recently
9 purchased a home after renting for several years. He has been affiliated with Chester since 1994
10 when they moved here from Florida. They had a gallery on The Green for a year or so and then he
11 went over to Vermont Academy. He is pro-business, as an owner and operator of a business in
12 Chester. His experience as a business owner he thought would be helpful and useful to the
13 commission. They have an opportunity to introduce these new businesses to the town and he would
14 work diligently to see that it was successful supporting you and the voters of Chester who voted
15 unanimously on cannabis. Several members thanked him.

16 Arne thanked all the applicants and was encouraged and appreciated to see so much community
17 involvement no matter what happened at the end of it. A lot of times they have a difficult time
18 filling open positions and he saw there was a lot of interest. He thought partly because it was
19 controversial but part of it was most of the people sounded like they were talking from their hearts
20 and cared about the community. That was a good basis to judge things on, if you care about your
21 community and neighbors. They would go into executive discussion to decide and when they came
22 out would likely make the appointments at that time. He didn't know how long it would take.
23 Sometimes it's quick and sometimes they spend way too much time.

24 Ben moved and Heather seconded to go into executive session. A vote was taken, and the motion
25 passed unanimously. The members went into executive session in Julie's office at 8:06 p.m. and
26 called Leigh on her phone. to discuss selection of members for CCC.

27 **Agenda Item 11, Appoint Members to Local Cannabis Control Commission**

28 Arne announced they were back in regular session at 8:30 p.m. A few things he wanted to explain
29 regarding the appointments. The Selectboard members were all one-year terms. It would be a
30 seven-person committee with one subject for a one-year term, two for two-year terms, and two for
31 three-year terms. The reason it is done like that, so in March when they reappoint, the one-year
32 term gets reappointed or someone else gets on for a three-year term. Eventually, all five citizens
33 will have three-year terms. The only reason it is staggered is, so they don't do all members at once.
34 They will do it in March because that is when they do other appointments.

35 Arne said it was pretty much unanimous on all the candidates. He announced the three-year terms
36 were Robert Nied and Arianna Napp. The two-year terms were Reisa Alexander and Barre Pinske.
37 And the one-year term, which included Selectboard members, Ben Whalen and Lee Gustafson,
38 was Tom Diak.

39 Arne thanked everyone who applied. He asked Julie to coordinate the first meeting for the
40 commission and they would set up the structure, and when and where the meetings would be held.
41 Julie also highly recommended the members attend the webinar that would be held via Zoom on
42 Tuesday, May 24th from 10 a.m. to noon. The town would cover the \$28 fee. She would email
43 them tomorrow and if they wanted to attend, she would register them all together. She and the

1 Town Planner, Preston Bristow, would also be attending.

2 Arne thought it would be helpful because it was the state commission hosting the webinar and the
3 training with it. If there was someone who could answer questions, they would be it. It would also
4 help the Selectboard to return the information. The two Selectboard members would be like
5 liaisons to keep communication open. It was option for options. The resolution stated five to seven
6 members, so if it turns out they don't have Selectboard members on it, they still will have a full
7 commission.

8 Barre Pinske wanted to tell what he called a bad joke. He said Robert Nied was hoping they could
9 take a short bus up to the meeting because he used to ride a short bus when he was a kid. Barre
10 asked if Julie could get a short bus for Robert and them to ride to the meeting. Julie told Barre not
11 to make the board reconsider his appointment and Leigh echoed her sentiments. Both Linda Diak
12 and Susan Bailey commented in chat that they found Barre's comments offensive.

13 Arne thanked Susan and Craig for their interest in the position and told them they are always
14 looking for bodies on different committees and parts in local government. Arne hoped they stayed
15 active. He told Susan she was a captive audience because she was doing their minutes. He asked
16 Mr. Miller to stay in touch with the town and appreciated him wanting to be involved in town.
17 Susan said she would. Leigh thanked everyone for turning out, writing good letters, and showing
18 interest.

19 **Agenda Item 9, New Business/Next Agenda**

20 Julie said the first meeting in June would be the public hearing for the zoning amendment for The
21 Village Green. The Planning Commission had been through their public hearing process so the
22 Selectboard would now go through theirs. Julie had given them, and for those who love looking at
23 stuff on the internet she would email, a hard copy. She wanted them to have a full month to look
24 through it. Arne asked if there were any ideas or any suggestions for future agenda items. Lee
25 asked about the solar field and Arne said they could keep it on old business.

26 **Agenda Item 12, Adjourn**

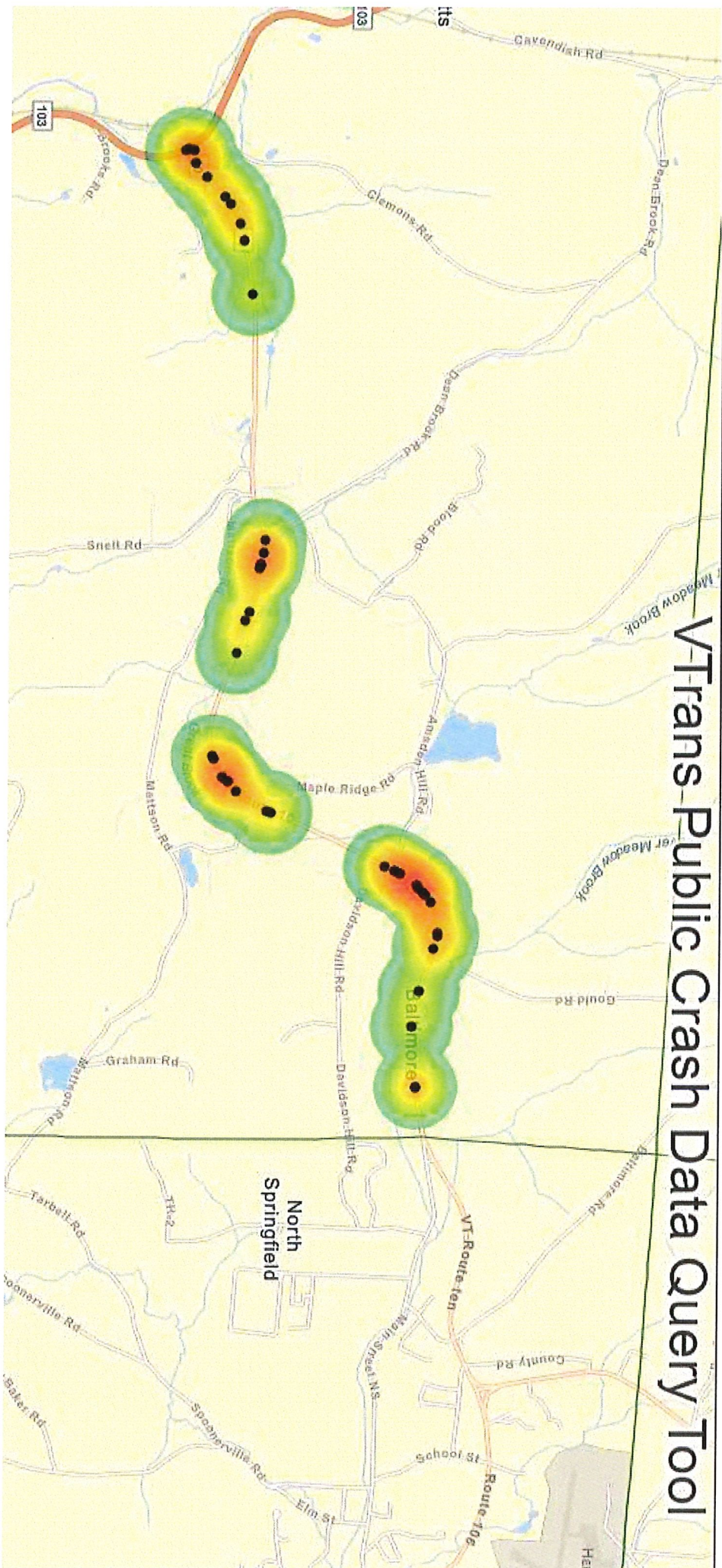
27 Lee moved and Ben seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the
28 meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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	Crash Date	City/Town	Address	AOT Route	Crash Type	Collision Direction	Weather	Time of Day	Intersection With	Surface Condition	
1	Crash Date	City/Town	Address	AOT Route	Crash Type	Collision Direction	Weather	Time of Day	Intersection With	Surface Condition	
2											
3	February 6	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Night	In Front Of #2043 VT RT 10	Dry	
4	May 22, 20	Chester	VT-10 (133 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	1337 Vermont Route 10	Dry	
5	February 1	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Injury	Same Direction Sideswipe	Freezing Precipitation	Night	Gould Road	Snow	
6	February 2	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Night	Chandler Road	Wet	
7	February 2	Chester	VT-10 (204 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Night	Chandler Road	Snow	
8	April 22, 20	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	Mineral Springs Road	Dry	
9	May 8, 201	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Injury	Head On	Cloudy	Night	Dean Brook Road	Dry	
10	May 14, 20	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Cloudy	Day	Chester Town Line With Springfield	Dry	
11	June 1, 201	Chester	VT-10 (294 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Opp Direction Sideswipe		Night	Gould Road	Dry	
12	October 25	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only		Freezing Precipitation	Night	Gould Road	Snow	
13	January 13	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Day	Between Gould Road & Amsden Hill Road	Slush	
14	May 29, 20	Chester	VT-10 (162 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash		Day		Unknown	
15	August 14,	Chester	VT-10 (336 VT-10		Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	3361 VT RT 10	Dry	
16	September	Chester	VT-10 (162 VT-10		Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	Across Street From #1626 VT RT 10	Dry	
17	December	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Injury	Head On	Freezing Precipitation	Night	VT RT 103	Slush	
18	July 3, 201	Chester	Route 10 A VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	Route 10 And Route 103	Dry	
19	September	Chester	3161 VT RT VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash		Day	3161 VT RT 10	Wet	
20	November	Chester	VT RT 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Night	Chandler Road	Ice	
21	January 3,	Chester	331 VT Rt 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Day	VT RT 103 North	Snow	
22	February 1	Chester	VT-10 (306 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Right Turn and Thru, Broad	Cloudy	Day	#3063	Dry	
23	March 13,	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash		Day	Blackberry Hill		
24	May 12, 20	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	Amsden Hill Road	Dry	
25	August 25,	Chester	VT-10(336 VT-10		Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day			
26	August 27,	Chester	VT-10 (202 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Same Direction Sideswipe	Clear	Day	2021 VT Route 10	Dry	
27	September	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	Chandler Road	Dry	
28	November	Chester	2629 VT Rd VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Day	Gould Road	Slush	
29	December	Chester	2208 VT Rd VT-10		Injury	Head On	Clear	Day	Mineral Springs Road	Snow	
30	February 2	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Same Direction Sideswipe	Freezing Precipitation	Night	Amsden Hill Road	Snow	
31	February 2,	Chester	VT-10(2208 VT-10		Injury	No Turns, Thru moves only,	Clear	Day	Mineral Springs	Dry	
32	March 20,	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Night	Gould Road	Dry	
33	May 4, 201	Chester	1337 VT Rd VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	Chandler Road	Dry	
34	July 22, 20	Chester	2603 VT Rd VT-10		Property Damage Only	Same Direction Sideswipe	Clear	Day			
35	December	Chester	VT-10(209 VT-10		Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Day		Snow	
36	February 5	Chester	178 Rt 10	VT-10	Injury	Head On	Freezing Precipitation	Day		Snow	
37	February 5	Chester	2725 Route VT-10		Property Damage Only	Rear End	Freezing Precipitation	Day		Snow	
38	March 21,	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Cloudy	Day	Gould Road	Snow	
39	January 1,	Chester	VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Night	Amsden Hill Road	Snow	
40	February 7	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Day	Gould Road	Snow	
41	May 23, 20	Chester	1939 Rte 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Night	Roland Road	Dry	
42	April 4, 201	Chester	VT Route 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Rain	Day	Vt Route 103		
43	April 6, 201	Chester	314 Rte 10 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Opp Direction Sideswipe	Freezing Precipitation	Day	Rte 103	Snow	
44	August 27,	Chester	1373 VT-1 VT-10		Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Night	Locke Rd	Dry	
45	January 27	Chester	1337 VT Rt VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Freezing Precipitation	Day	Amsden Hill Road	Snow	
46	February 1	Chester	1497 Rte 1 VT-10		Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Cloudy	Day	Chandler Road	Dry	
47	February 5	Chester	1957 Rt. 1 VT-10					Night			

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48	June 23, 20	Chester	2649 VT-10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Night	Amsden Hill Rd	Dry	
49	July 1, 201	Chester	VT Rte 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only			Day	Vt Rte 103		
50	August 24,	Chester	1939 Route	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	1939 Route 10	Dry	
51	October 18	Chester	Rte 10 & C	VT-10	Property Damage Only		Clear	Day	Rte 10 & Chandler Road		
52	June 19, 20	Chester	498 VT-10	VT-10	Fatal	Left Turn and Thru, Angle Bt	Cloudy	Day	Racheal's Way	Dry	
53	September	Chester	Rte 10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day		Dry	
54	January 14	Chester	2792 VT-10	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Night	Gould Rd	Dry	
55	February 7	Chester	Near #133	VT-10	Injury	Opp Direction Sideswipe	Cloudy	Day	Driveway Of #1337 VT 10	Ice	
56	March 2, 2	Chester	VT Route 1	VT-10	Property Damage Only	Single Vehicle Crash		Night	Gould Road	Wet	
57	March 6, 2	Chester	20 Chandle	VT-10	Injury	Single Vehicle Crash	Clear	Day	State Rte 10	Dry	

Beginning 4/1/2010

VT-Trans Public Crash Data Query Tool



Chester, VT. Police Dept. Assessment

PROCESS

Phase 1

- Meet with Town Manager to agree on scope, cost and deliverables
- Meet with Chief Cloud to explain process, go over operational/policies/practice and request needed materials
- Meet with CPD staff using a structured interview process to get input on operations policy/practice, understanding of issues, gauge morale/culture and gather suggestions
- Step back/review findings – brief the Town Manager

Phase 2

- Individual interviews of key stake holders identified by Town Manager (dept. heads, school officials, non-profits, social clubs, etc.)
- Interview other first responder agencies that work with CPD (fire, rescue, other policing agencies, etc.)
- Interview other agencies who work with CPD (DCF, Corrections, State's Attorney etc.)
- Interview key citizens (such as the one citizen looking for oversight)
- Conduct focus groups with key groups (business owners, citizen groups, etc.)
- Create, distribute and tabulate survey- focused on community view of the CPD
- Step back/ -brief the Town Manager

Phase 3

- Review policy/procedures
- Probe how data is collected and analyzed
- Measure CPD against 21st century policing/modeling
- Assess community policing strategy
- Review calls for service, traffic stops, etc.

Phase 4

- Prepare report
- Brief Town Manager/Select Board

DELIVERABLES IN REPORT

1. Clear assessment of the cultural, morale and operation of the CPD
2. An understanding of how the community views the CPD
3. An assessment of the policies/procedures and the exposure to liability
4. Recommendations on creating a community policing strategy
5. Recommendations on addressing the challenges discovered in the assessment

PROJECT COST

Estimated Cost- \$18,500- **The cost could higher/lower based on actual hours**



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June 1, 2022

Mr. Peter Pochop
Agency of Transportation
Municipal Assistance Bureau
1 National Life Drive
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

RE: 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program
Town of Chester, Depot Street Sidewalk/Street Improvements

Dear Mr. Pochop:

The Town of Chester is submitting its application under the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program, seeking additional funding for the upgrade and improvements to a section of Sidewalk along Depot Street. Due to the rising costs of both labor and materials, we are confident that the amount awarded in 2018 will not be sufficient for the completion of this project.

This application has been presented to the Chester Selectboard and was approved with great excitement. The Selectboard and I are aware of the required match of 20% and are committed to ensuring that the required match is funded.

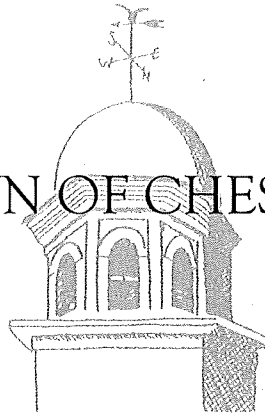
In addition, the town of Chester sets aside money each year within its budget for the maintenance and upkeep of the existing sidewalk network. Future maintenance of this completed project will be included with this budget item.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Julie S. Hance
Town Manager

TOWN OF CHESTER



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June 1, 2022

RE: Authorized Official Resolution
State Economic & Infrastructure Development Program, NBRC

SEID Program Manager:

The Town of Chester is submitting its application under the 2022 State Economic & Infrastructure Development Program. As required, the Chester Selectboard resolves as follows:

1. Deborah Aldrich, Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign the NBRC SEID Application on behalf of the Town of Chester;
2. Deborah Aldrich, Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign all NBRC investment documents that bind the Town of Chester.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Arne Jonynas, Chair

Heather Chase

Know all Persons by These Presents

That we, the Inhabitants of Chester in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, Grantors, in the consideration of **Eleven hundred dollars** paid to our full satisfaction by

Suzanne Leonard,

of **Cohoes**, in the County of **Albany** and the State of **New York**, Grantee, by these presents, do freely **Give, Grant, Sell, Convey and Confirm** unto the said Grantee

Suzanne Leonard, for

Burial purposes and their heirs and assigns forever, a certain piece of land in **North Street Cemetery**, Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, described as follows, viz:

Both halves of Lot 23, as indicated on a plan of said Cemetery on file in the office of the Town Clerk of said Chester. This lot will accommodate six cremation burials or two full burials. Said lot includes perpetual care.

To Have and to Hold said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said Grantee

Suzanne Leonard,

heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoove forever; And the said Grantors, the Inhabitant for ourselves and our successors do covenant with the said Grantee

Suzanne Leonard,

heirs and assigns, that until the ensealing of these presents we are the sole owners of the premises, and have good right and title to convey the same in manner aforesaid, that they are **Free From Every Encumbrance**; and we hereby engage to **Warrant and Defend** the same against all lawful claims whatever,

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 1st day of June 2022 A. D.

In Presence of

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State of Vermont
County of Windsor

} ss. At Chester, this 1st day of June 2022 A.D.

Arunas Jonynas, Ben Whalen, Leigh Dakin, Heather Chase, and A. Lee Gustafson

personally appeared, and they acknowledged this instrument, by them sealed and subscribed, to be their free act and deed.

Before me _____

(Title)

Chester, VT, Town Clerk's Office:

Received for record _____ at _____ o'clock _____ minutes _____ and
recorded in Cemetery Book _____ Page _____ of the Chester Land Records.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk

Know all Persons by These Presents

That we, the Inhabitants of Chester in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, Grantors, in the consideration of **Seven hundred Fifty dollars** paid to our full satisfaction by

W. Robert & Susan G. Turco,

of **Chester**, in the County of **Windsor** and the State of **Vermont**, Grantees, by these presents, do freely **Give, Grant, Sell, Convey and Confirm** unto the said Grantees

W. Robert & Susan G. Turco, for

Burial purposes and their heirs and assigns forever, a certain piece of land in **Pleasant View Cemetery**, Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, described as follows, viz:

Section G, Lot 107, as indicated on a plan of said Cemetery on file in the office of the Town Clerk of said Chester. This lot will accommodate three cremation burials.

Said lot includes perpetual care.

To Have and to Hold said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said Grantees

W. Robert & Susan G. Turco,

heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoove forever; And the said Grantors, the Inhabitant for ourselves and our successors do covenant with the said Grantees

W. Robert & Susan G. Turco,

heirs and assigns, that until the ensembling of these presents we are the sole owners of the premises, and have good right and title to convey the same in manner aforesaid, that they are **Free From Every Encumbrance**; and we hereby engage to **Warrant and Defend** the same against all lawful claims whatever,

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 1st day of June 2022 A. D.

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That we, the Inhabitants of Chester in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, Grantors, in the consideration of **Seven hundred Fifty dollars** paid to our full satisfaction by

Newton Friese and Linda Greenwald,

of **Clinton**, in the County of **Middlesex** and the State of **Connecticut**, Grantees, by these presents, do freely **Give, Grant, Sell, Convey and Confirm** unto the said Grantees

Newton Friese and Linda Greenwald, for

Burial purposes and their heirs and assigns forever, a certain piece of land in **Simsbury Cemetery**, Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, described as follows, viz:

A 5' x 10' lot, as indicated on a plan of said Cemetery on file in the office of the Town Clerk of said Chester. This lot will accommodate three cremation burials. Said lot includes perpetual care.

To Have and to Hold said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said Grantees

Newton Friese and Linda Greenwald,

heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoove forever; And the said Grantors, the Inhabitant for ourselves and our successors do covenant with the said Grantees

Newton Friese and Linda Greenwald,

heirs and assigns, that until the ensealing of these presents we are the sole owners of the premises, and have good right and title to convey the same in manner aforesaid, that they are **Free From Every Encumbrance**; and we hereby engage to **Warrant and Defend** the same against all lawful claims whatever,

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 1st day of June 2022 A. D.

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State of Vermont
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