

**TOWN OF CHESTER  
WARNING  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

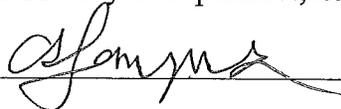
The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian ballot on November 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m.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

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of constructing a new Emergency Services building as well as renovations to the Public Works facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194)? (Australian Ballot)

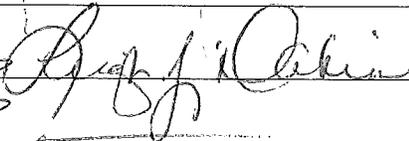
**ARTICLE 2:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

The legal voters of the Town of Chester are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee/early voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters, 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

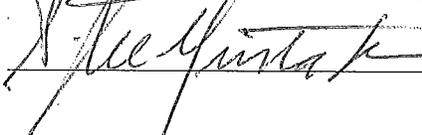
Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

 \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Heather Chase

 \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Leigh Dakin

 \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Ben Whalen

 \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Lee Gustafson

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN OF CHESTER

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of constructing a new Emergency Services building as well as renovations to the Public Works facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194)? (Australian Ballot)

If in favor of the bond issue, make a cross  
(x) in this square:

If opposed to the bond issue, make a cross  
(x) in this square:

## RESOLUTION CERTIFICATE

I certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Town of Chester, a municipal corporation located in the County of Windsor, State of Vermont; that I have custody of the books, records and seal of said Town; and that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Selectboard of the said Town, duly called, noticed and held on September 18, 2019, at which a quorum of members of the Board was present and voting; and that the same remains in full force and effect, and has not been amended, rescinded, abridged, modified or contested in any way:

RESOLVED, that the public interest and necessity demand the construction of an Emergency Services Building as well as renovations to the Public Works Facility, at an aggregate estimated cost of Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of completing the Town's share of the costs of construction, after application of available state and federal grants-in-aid, and the application of available reserves, will be too great to be paid out of the annual revenue of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposal for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town in the aggregate amount not to exceed Four Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$4,777,194.00) to pay for its cost of the same, subject to reduction through the receipt of any state or federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, should be submitted to the legal voters of the Town at a special meeting thereof to be duly called and held for that purpose on November 4, 2019 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town of Chester for the purpose of constructing an Emergency Services Building as well as renovations to the Public Works Facility within and without the corporate limits of the Town be in accordance with the provisions of No. 322 of the Acts of 1957, and Chapter 53 of Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Warning and form of Ballot be adopted for use in connection with consideration of the above-stated proposition of constructing an Emergency Services Building as well as renovating the Public Works Facility and incurring bonded indebtedness therefor.

Dated: September 18, 2019

ATTEST: 

SEAL

Town Clerk

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT  
OF THE CITY OF TOWN OF CHESTER  
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES  
FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester, Vermont (the "Issuer") intends to acquire and construct certain capital assets described in the attached Resolution adopted by the legislative body of the Issuer on this date (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, a proposition for incurring bonded indebtedness to enhance such acquisition and construction will be presented for consideration at the November 4, 2019 special meeting of the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to pay certain capital expenditures, including design, permitting, fiscal, contract management, acquisition and construction costs (the "Reimbursement Expenditures") in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis;

WHEREAS, the Issuer reasonably expects that debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed \$4,777,194 will be issued and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer declares its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the above-described part of the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing:

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer declares:

Section 1. The Issuer finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and that all of the capital expenditures covered by this Resolution were or will be made no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution.

Section 2. This declaration is made solely for the purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the Issuer to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.

Section 3. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures, within 18 months of either the date of the first expenditure of funds by Issuer for such Project or the date that such Project is placed in service, whichever is later (but in no event more than three years after the date of the original expenditure of Issuer funds for such Project), and to allocate an amount not to exceed \$4,777,194 of the proceeds thereof to reimburse itself for its expenditures in connection with the Project.

Section 4. The Issuer's debt obligations for the aforementioned purpose will not be private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Section 5. All prior actions of the officials and agents of Issuer that are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the Project shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 6. All other resolutions of the legislative body of the Issuer, or parts of resolutions, inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. It is hereby found that all discussions and deliberations of the legislative body of the Issuer leading to the adoption of this Resolution occurred at one or more meetings of the legislative body conducted pursuant to public notice and open to public attendance.

Section 8. This declaration shall take effect from and after its adoption The undersigned, Town Clerk of the Issuer, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the declaration of the legislative body of said Issuer duly made at a meeting thereof held on the date, specified below, and that said declaration has not been amended, modified or revoked.

Dated: September 18, 2019

Town Clerk: Deborah Aldrich

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

PUBLICATION AND VOTE

The undersigned, being the Clerk of the Town of Chester, does certify that:

- (1) The attached Resolution (Exhibit I) was duly adopted at a duly warned meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Chester held on September 18, 2019.
- (2) The attached Declaration of Official Intent (Exhibit I), Resolution (Exhibit II) and Warning (Exhibit III) were duly approved and adopted at a duly warned meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Chester held on September 18, 2019.
- (3) The attached form of Ballot (Exhibit IV) was duly approved and adopted at a duly warned meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Chester held on September 18, 2019 for use at the special meeting of the Town of Chester held on November 5, 2019.
- (4) The attached Warning (Exhibit III) was published in the Vermont Journal, a newspaper published in Chester, Vermont and generally circulating in the County of Windsor and in the Town of Chester and said Warning appeared in said newspaper on October 9, October 16, October 23 and October 30, 2019.
- (5) The attached Declaration of Official Intent (Exhibit I), Resolution (Exhibit II) and Warning (Exhibit III) were received for record and recorded on September 30, 2019, in the records of the Town of Chester.
- (6) The attached Warning (Exhibit III) [Ballot (Exhibit III) and current voter checklist were] was posted on the Town of Chester website ([www.chestervt.org](http://www.chestervt.org)) and in the following public places in the Town of Chester from September 30 through November 5, 2019, the date of the special Town meeting.

- (a) Town Clerk's Office\*
- (b) Chester Post Office
- (c) Chester Hardware
- (d) Lisai's
- (e)

\* With form of Ballot (Exhibit IV and current voter checklist.

(7) The vote by Australian ballot (Exhibit III) on the proposition stated therein was:

ARTICLE 1

IN FAVOR	_____
OPPOSED	_____
BLANK	_____
SPOILED	_____
TOTAL VOTES	_____

(8) No petition has been filed seeking reconsideration or rescission of the action taken at said special meeting nor is there any litigation pending or threatened in any state or federal court contesting or challenging either the proceedings set forth in Paragraphs (1) through (7) of this Certificate, the works of improvement so authorized or, the issuance of bonds or notes of the Town to finance the same.

DATED: December \_\_\_\_, 2019

Town Clerk

# NOTICE TO VOTERS For Chester, Vermont

## BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerk's Office and Chester Hardware before October 5, 2019. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by October 5, 2019.

**REGISTER TO VOTE** at the Town Clerk's Office or online at <https://www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>.

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email or online at <https://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>. The latest you can request ballots for an Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the Election, November 4, 2019 by 4:00 p.m. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

## **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home. Sick or disabled ballots can be delivered as soon as ballots are ready and can be delivered up to and including Election Day.

## ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that your name be added to the checklist today.

- The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either has you swear to an affidavit that you had submitted a timely application and add your name to the checklist or explain why it cannot be added.
- If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail, you must provide a valid Vermont photo identification, or a copy of a government issued document with your current address, before you vote for the first time.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters, you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

## **NO PERSON SHALL:**

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

**MARK YOUR BALLOT:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- **WRITE-IN** candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.
- To vote "yes" or "no", mark an X in the box.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot in the Ballot Machine or Ballot box.