

Chester Historic Preservation Committee

Vision Statement for Yosemite Fire Museum

The Chester Historic Preservation Committee envisions the restoration and transformation of the historic, twin-towered Yosemite Fire House into a fire museum that:

- Celebrates and commemorates Yosemite's history and Chester fire fighters;
- Offers an educational experience showcasing local history and fire fighting through displays of fire-fighting vehicles and machinery, equipment, and memorabilia; engaging activities; and trained docents;
- Functions as a landmark destination for visitors, even beyond Chester residents and the broader fire community, because of Yosemite's unique twin-tower fire-station architecture and original location. Coupled with Chester's unique Hearse Museum, as well as the Chester Historical Society's Museum, Yosemite will be the newest attraction for a wide range of history enthusiasts and general visitors and a specific destination for tourists on the Green Mountain Railroad, whose tours begin and end in Chester;
- Links the Central Village, Chester Depot, and the Stone Village in a unifying landmark that will benefit the entire town, its residents, and its businesses and that will complement scheduled sidewalk, lighting, parking, and Town Hall improvements;
- Symbolizes the Town's pride in and responsible maintenance of its historic municipal structures.

CHPC is eager to take the lead in working with the Town and other public/private entities to make Chester's Yosemite Fire Museum a reality.

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