

August 30, 2021

Arunas Jonynas- Select Board Chair  
Town of Chester  
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Dear Arne:

For more than a year we have worked diligently as board members of Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens, Inc., on a project to bring a historic community greenhouse to the Town of Chester and have made extraordinary and gratifying progress during that time. Throughout the process we have received amazing support from the community and from the Select Board. For that, we are deeply grateful.

Recently, we have been struggling to keep this project on course due to our board president's pursuit of a personal agenda that we believe is not in the best interest of the project. These actions have negatively impacted the project to such a degree that it has ground to a halt at a critical time in our discussions with the Select Board, community members, potential grantors, and federal and state agencies.

With deep sadness, we have submitted our resignations as members of the Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens, Inc., board of directors, effective immediately. We believe that this project could have had lasting and positive social, physical, and economic impacts on our community and regret that it is now in jeopardy of coming to fruition.

Adding to our great disappointment is our collective belief that the remaining board members may not have the necessary leadership and experience to successfully complete a project of this scale. We hope we are wrong on this point and remain supportive of the concept of a community greenhouse and gardens for the Town of Chester.

Once again, we thank the Select Board for sharing our vision and for its support and dedication to the Chester community.

Respectfully,



Kate Matracia



Tim Roper



Robert Nied

cc: Town of Chester Select Board Members, Julie Hance