

## **CHESTER SELECTBOARD**

### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

#### **PROPOSED “OPEN SPACE” 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, July 5, 2023, at 6:30 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 Open Space (OS) District. The new Open Space District will extend along the Williams River from a point south of Church Street in Stone Village to Peck Road near the Rockingham Town Line. The Open Space District, which is entirely within FEMA’s Special Flood Hazard Area, protects critical flood plain resources including wetlands, wildlife habitat, and natural flood storage which provides erosion control in the event of a flood. Appropriate uses in this district include agriculture, forestry, recreation, and civic, cultural, educational and social events. This district is not appropriate for residential uses. The section heading created by the proposed development bylaws amendment will be Section 2.10 Open Space (OS) District.

The full text of the proposed amendment and proposed amended zoning map may be viewed at the Town Clerk’s office and on the home page of the Town’s website at [www.chestervt.gov](http://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](http://www.chestervt.gov) under Zoom Meetings: Select Board Meeting.

Dated at Chester, Vermont this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.  
Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont