

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, November 15, 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 implement reforms required by Act 47 known as the “Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone” or HOME legislation, to implement the recommendations in “Enabling Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods” published by the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development, to better define uses including art studio and/or gallery, club, and bar/tavern/pub, and to enable the approval of food trucks, food carts and food stands.

The proposed amendment will affect every geographical area of Chester. The amended Sections of the Bylaws include 2.3 Village Center District, 2.3.1 Village Green District, 2.4 Mixed Use District (was Residential-Commercial and Adaptive 3), 2.5 General Business District (was Commercial-Industrial), 2.6 Stone Village District, 2.7 Neighborhood District (was R-20 and portions of R-40), 8.2 Definitions, and adding 3.31 Food Trucks, Food Carts, and Food Stands.

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.

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 19th day of October 2023.
Julie Hance, Town Manager, Town of Chester, Vermont