

TOWN OF CHESTER, VERMONT

CHESTER SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

FOR EXAMINATION OF PREMISES AND PUBLIC HEARING TO LAY OUT, ALTER, RECLASSIFY, AND/OR DISCONTINUE PORTIONS OF PUBLIC TOWN HIGHWAYS #18 (A/K/A THOMPSON ROAD) AND #78 (A/K/A JEWETT ROAD) AND TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT CHESTER BO 1442(39) TO REPLACE BRIDGE NO. 62

Pursuant to Title 19, Chapter 7, Section 709 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Selectboard of the Town of Chester hereby gives notice that the Chester Selectboard shall convene and conduct a site visit starting at 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2025, to begin on the westerly side of the Williams River at the intersection of Jewett Road (T.H. #78) and VT Route 103. Following the site visit, the Selectboard will recess to the Chester Town Hall located at 556 Elm Street, Chester, Vermont, to hold a hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. on July 24, 2025, for the purposes of receiving testimony and hearing all persons interested in the matter of whether the public good, necessity, and convenience requires the laying out, altering, reclassifying, and/or discontinuance of Town Highways #18 (Thompson Road) and #78 (Jewett Road) or portions thereof and the replacement of Bridge No. 62 on and across lands owned by Arielle Goddard, Amy Kathryn Franzen, and Peter Franzen (Landowners) (SPAN No. 144-045-11263) and acquiring those easements and rights from the Landowners as are necessary to implement and complete the Transportation Project Chester BO 1442(39) to replace Bridge No. 62 ("Proposed Improvement Bridge Project").

The Proposed Improvement Bridge Project and related laying out, alteration, reclassification, and/or discontinuance of town highways is depicted on State of Vermont Agency of Transportation R.O.W. Plans, Chester Project Number BO 1442(39), Sheets 1, and 3 through 9 of 11, dated 8/8/2023. The right of way easements and/or rights of the Landowners required to complete the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project are set forth in the Right of Way Description for Chester BO 1442(39) Parcel 1. Both documents may be viewed on Chester's website using the following link: <https://www.chestervt.gov/highway-department.html> or in

person at the Chester Town Offices located at 556 Elm Street, Chester, Vermont. Copies of the above documents will be made available upon written request.

The Selectboard will also consider and receive evidence and testimony from all persons interested as to any damages to be awarded the Landowners in the event the Selectboard determines that the public good, necessity and convenience require the laying out and/or altering of town highways or portions of town highways across or upon lands of the Landowners to complete the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project.

If after examination of the premises and hearing any and all interested persons, the Chester Selectboard judges that the public good, necessity and convenience of all the inhabitants of Chester require that the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project be implemented and that said highway(s) or portions thereof be laid out, altered, reclassified, and/or discontinued, it will be so ordered and a determination of any damages to be paid to the Landowners to acquire the easements and rights necessary to complete the Proposed Improvement Bridge Project will be made.

This Notice is being served on the following interested persons by U.S. Certified Mail, RRR:

Property owner:

Arielle Goddard
Amy & Peter Franzen
69 Jewett Road
Chester, VT 05143

Mortgage holder:

Primelending, a Plain Capital Company
c/o Mortgage Electronic Recording System (MERS)
P.O. Box 2026
Flint, MI 48501

Abutters:

Lisa Kaiman
157 Thompson Road
Chester, VT 05143

Richard & Phyllis Jewett
140 Thompson Road
Chester, VT 05143

Brian & Amy Mosher
116 Jewett Road
Chester, VT 05143

Charles Wright
191 Jewett Road
Chester, VT 05143

Utilities:

Green Mountain Power (GMP)
163 Acorn Lane
Colchester, VT 05446
callcenter@greenmountainpower.com

Green Mountain Power (GMP)
c/o Sheehy Furlong & Behm, P.C.
30 Main Street, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 66
Burlington, VT 05401

Vtel Wireless, Inc.
354 River Street
Springfield, VT 05156
info@vtelwireless.com

John & Jennifer Wright
292 Jewett Road
P.O. Box 914
Chester, VT 05143

Chester Planning Commission
c/o Hugh Quinn, Chair
pcchair@chestervt.gov

Vermont Commissioner of Forests,
Parks and Recreation
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2
Montpelier, VT 05620-3801
ANR.Parks@vermont.gov

Vtel Wireless, Inc.
c/o Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC
90 Prospect Street, P.O. Box 99
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

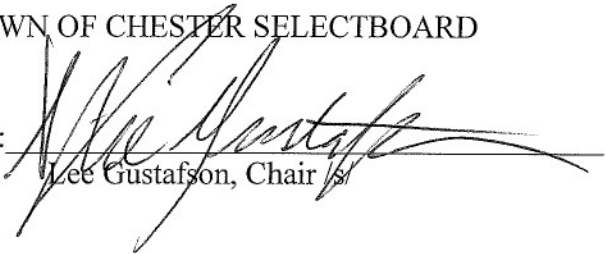
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

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100 North Main Street, Suite 2
Barre, VT 05641

DATED at Chester, Vermont this 23rd day of June 2025.

TOWN OF CHESTER SELECTBOARD

BY:


Lee Gustafson, Chair