

Two public information sessions are scheduled for **Thursday, May 11th at 7 pm** and **Saturday, May 13th at 10 am, both at the Chester Meeting House.**

The Chester Library Building and North Quarter Park (NQP) Planning Committees will present plans for the redevelopment of NQP at a total construction cost of \$5.5 million, and associated soft costs of \$1.9 million. Of the \$5.5 million construction cost, approximately \$3.8 million is dedicated to the Library/CC. The committee has already been awarded a State grant of \$1 million towards the cost of the Library and continues to explore fundraising and financing options to minimize the impact on taxpayers.

Chester has a unique opportunity to develop the town-owned 22 acre North Quarter Park (NQP) site so that it will enrich Chester residents of all ages for decades to come. Plans include a safe, accessible playground, an all-purpose playing field, 50 paved parking spaces, expanded walking/nature trails, and a twenty-first century Library/Community Center, all within easy walking distance of Chester's village center.

The two committees which had been working separately were combined by the Selectmen in 2015. They were tasked with developing a schematic design that would answer three needs in the Town's 2009 Plan of Conservation and Development: improvements to North Quarter Park, a replacement for the collapsed and subsequently demolished Community Center, and a new Library building.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend one of these sessions.

*Chester Library Building and North Quarter Park Planning Committees*