1. Call to Order
The Chester Main Street Project Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the Chester Town Office Building, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. Chairman Joplin called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

2. Seating of Members
Those members in attendance and seated were Michael Joplin, Ed Meehan, Chuck Mueller, John Schroeder, and Leslie Strauss.

3. Chairman Joplin informed the Committee that the Board of Selectmen authorized full funding for 100% Construction Documents (CD's) approximately 3 months ago.

4. The preliminary schematic plan layout of parking spaces, etc. in several key locations (based on public feedback) will be painted on the street for visualization purposes. This work will be done in the next week. We will schedule a site walk immediately after.

5. June 24th is a key date for decisions from the State Bonding Commission.

6. Aaron is taking Katie's place at Nathan Jacobsen's office. Katie conducted much of the grading analysis for the plan to-date.

7. The Committee discussed design, documentation, bidding, and construction schedule at length. There was general consensus that precious time has been lost since December of 2017 when funding approval for the completion of design and documentation was secured at Town Meeting. There was consensus that we need to move as expeditiously as possible to become "shovel ready" so as not to lose out on any potential chance to secure State construction funding whenever it becomes available. John Schroeder was especially adamant that we should do everything we can to begin construction in January of 2019 to reap the economic benefits of a renewed village center as soon as possible.

8. Adjournment
Motion by Meehan, second by Strauss, to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Voting in favor – Meehan, Mueller, Schroeder, Strauss, Joplin. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Schroeder

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary