



**Joint Budget Meeting Minutes
Chester Board of Selectmen
Chester Board of Finance
May 9, 2023 7pm
Chester Meeting House and TEAMS**

1. The joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance was convened following the Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2027 budget.
2. Audience of Citizens – no comments presented.
3. Board of Finance – New business ARPA project requests
 - Library Fence Extension (eastside):
Board of Finance voted to approve request and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$6,500 and recommend to Town Meeting schedule for May 23, 2023.
 - Chester Elementary School Food Scraping Recycling Program:
Board of Finance voted to approve Sustainability Committee's request in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 and recommend to Town Meeting scheduled for May 23, 2023.
4. Review of Public Hearing Budget comments Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance member expressed disappointment in the low attendance and no comments from the public.

The Board of Finance will continue to review proposed budget and may make adjustments as revenues and expenditures for the end of April become available and reported by Finance Department.
5. Vote on Proposed Town Meeting Call May 23, 2023. The Board of Finance voted to approve the call as drafted. The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the call as drafted.
6. Adjourn