

Return to: Board of Selectmen
1450 Route 123 North
Stoddard, NH 03464

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY MERGER (RSA 674:39-A)

This notice is to advise that parcels identified by the Town of Stoddard as:

Tax Map _____, Lot _____ Tax Map _____, Lot _____
Tax Map _____, Lot _____ Tax Map _____, Lot _____

Owned by _____, as recorded at the Cheshire

County Registry of Deeds in

Book _____, Page _____ Book _____, Page _____
Book _____, Page _____ Book _____, Page _____

are voluntarily merged for municipal regulation and taxation purposes for the Tax Year effective April 1, _____ . These parcels may no longer be separately transferred without subdivision approval and will henceforth be known as Tax Map _____, Lot _____ .

Witness:

Voluntary Merger Requested by:

Property owner(s): _____

(print name) _____

(print name) _____

Subscribed and Sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
(print name) _____

Approved by the Stoddard Planning Board

Planning Board Chairman
(print name) _____

Planning Board Clerk
(print name) _____

Date Approved: _____

VOLUNTARY MERGER PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANT

1. Contact the Selectmen's Office [Wednesdays & Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (603) 446-3326] to verify the correct tax map and lot numbers to enter on the form.
Note: *Your Voluntary Merger will not be effective until April 1st of the year after it has been approved.*

2. The Voluntary Merger form must be either typed or printed in **Dark Blue or Black ink**. All signatures including those of the witness and **Notary Public** or **Justice of the Peace** must also be in **Dark Blue or Black ink**.

3. Submit completed Voluntary Merger form and copies of the deeds for all properties to be merged to:
Selectmen's Office
1450 Route 123 North
Stoddard, NH 03464
Include with your submittals a check for recording and postage costs totaling **\$12.44** payable to: **Cheshire County Registry of Deeds**.

4. The Selectmen's Office staff will review the submittals for accuracy, assign the merger a new lot number and forward the completed paperwork and check to the Planning Board Clerk.

5. After the Planning Board approves the Voluntary Merger, they will assure it is recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

674:39-a Voluntary Merger. Any owner of 2 or more contiguous preexisting approved or subdivided lots or parcels who wishes to merge them for municipal regulation and taxation purposes may do so by applying to the planning board or its designee. Except where such merger would create a violation of then-current ordinances or regulations, all such requests shall be approved, and no public hearing or notice shall be required. No new survey plat need be recorded, but a notice of the merger, sufficient to identify the relevant parcels and endorsed in writing by the planning board or its designee, shall be filed for recording in the registry of deeds, and a copy mailed to the municipality's assessing officials. No such merged parcel shall thereafter be separately transferred without subdivision approval.