



**GROUND  
ED  
SOLUTIONS  
NETWORK**  
strong communities  
from the ground up

## **Additional Resources for organizational and governance structures**

Now that you have spoken to the community, come up with a plan/vision and started to think about how you wish to start-up your CLT. We now start to dig into some of the nuts and bolts of starting your new organization. With any new non-profit understanding the options on how to structure it is extremely important. These additional resources will help you decided on the best way to structure your CLT.

### **[Sponsorship, Chapter 3 of Starting a CLT: Organizational and Operation Choices](#)**

Written by John Davis of Burlington Associates, this chapter talks about “Sponsorship”, in this context refers to the entity that provides the impetus for a new CLT and plays the leading role in getting it organized.

### **[Chapter 5A: Model Classic Bylaws](#)**

In the fifth-A chapter of the [2011 CLT Technical Manual](#) shows an example of Bylaws that is structured as a “Classic CLT”.

### **[Chapter 5-B: Model Classic CLT Bylaws Commentary](#)**

In the fifth-B chapter of the [2011 CLT Technical Manual](#) walks through the classic CLT bylaws and explains each section of the document. This commentary comes from experienced existing CLTs as they implemented and “lived with” their bylaws.

### **[Champlain Housing Trust Board Book](#)**

The Champlain Housing Trust, in Burlington, Vermont is the largest community land trust in the world. They have generously made available their entire "Board Book" of organizational contracts, policies, and procedures.

### **[Rules of Engagement for Recruiting and Retaining Community Volunteers](#)**

Written by John Davis of Burlington Associates. This resource gives some tips on how to recruit and retain community volunteers that include board members.