

Agenda Summary  
February 27, 2017

Agenda Item No. 4  
Liquor Applications

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Application for Special Event Permit:  
Smugglers Notch Distillery at 1813 Mountain Road July 2, August 13, August 27, 2017

14<sup>th</sup> Star Brewing Company at 1746 Mountain Road May 20, 2017

Also included is a list of Liquor License Renewals. Renewals are listed alphabetically by “Doing Business As” name and include the type of license. Complete renewal applications will be available at the meeting for your signature.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to approve the Special Event Liquor Permits and Liquor License Renewals listed above.

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Agenda Item No. 5  
Rec & Quiet Path Ordinance Amendments

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Summary: The Town recently built a bridge on the Quiet Path and Parks desired a regulation not to allow climbing and jumping off the bridge, similarly that exist in the Rec Path Ordinance. Rather than create another ordinance, staff drafted one ordinance for your consideration that covers both the Recreation Path & Quiet Path. Where there have historically been different rules, they are stated differently in the draft Ordinance (e.g. dogs on the Recreation Path have to be on a leash and on the Quiet Path they to be under the owners immediate control).

There was a first reading of the proposed amendments at the Selectboard's 2/13/17 meeting. This time has been set aside for a public hearing.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to approve the Rec & Quiet Path Ordinance as amended.

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Agenda Item No. 6

Luce Hill Road-Mountain Road Intersection Improvements Plan

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Summary: As previously discussed and agreed, VTAOT has proceeded with the design and implementation of proposed safety improvements under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program at the subject intersection. The plan is substantially as conceived by the State and approved by the Town in 2015. In general, this consists of the removal of the intersection island and Y configuration slip lanes and the creation of a more closely square 2 lane stop control T intersection. An annotated copy of the current plan is enclosed. The State currently has the project out to bid anticipating spring construction and project completion before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday as requested by the Town. Also enclosed are collision diagrams depicting accident quantities and types from 1/1/09 thru 12/31/16. There were 17 collision type accidents over the 8 year period.

Recently, the project has engendered significant public discussion. Time has been set aside for a public informational meeting regarding the project. VTAOT will be available to answer questions specific to the project.

The primary concerns expressed by the public are potential negative impacts to intersection function for trucks and intersection capacity in general. Staff has requested that VTAOT review the technical aspects of the proposal relative to these concerns. In general, provisions for truck turning movements are deemed adequate for 3 of 4 turning directions and no worse than existing and slightly improved for the forth. Regarding capacity, during periods of normal and season peak traffic, the existing intersection has a Level of Service of F (poorest) with significant queue lengths and approach delays. VTAOT acknowledges that there will be some diminution in intersection capacity during these periods, but not significantly. There is some public concern that these will be significant, particularly with truck turning movements slowed by the required turning movements from a full stop thru the reconfigured intersection. Unfortunately, with the type of queue interactions that exists with a Y type intersection such as this, VTAOT is unable to model and quantify capacity impacts with the proposed intersection modifications. VTAOT has undertaken a traffic signal warrant analysis and has concluded that a signal is warranted at this intersection.

At a meeting last week, VTAOT noted it is also generally recognized there has been increases in traffic volumes and issues on the Rte 108 corridor and that roadway/intersection improvements will be required for future development proposals that significantly increase traffic volumes where deficiencies exists. The proposed safety improvements do not address the capacity issues at the subject intersection. VTAOT has recently initiated a traffic management study of the Rte. 100 and Rte. 108 corridors in Stowe. There were also some preliminary discussions about an intersection improvements alternatives study at the subject intersection. Given that more substantive improvements to address current capacity issues at the subject intersection is warranted and may be required in the near future, proceeding with the limited scope improvements currently proposed no longer appears prudent.

Staff also again recently met with the Vestry and some parishioners from St. Johns church. A copy of a letter conditionally in support of the project is enclosed. Although not noted in the letter, concerns for pedestrian usage and safety in the vicinity were also specifically noted during our discussions.

**Town Plan Impact:** *Reconfigure the Route 108/Luce Hill Rd. intersection into a standard "T" is in the Town Plan*

**Fiscal Impact:** In 2015, the Town agreed to VTAOT's project continuation and they have incurred approximately \$39K in cost doing so. The possibility exists that if the project is terminated, the federal government may seek reimbursement of cost incurred from the State and the State may likewise seek reimbursement from the Town.

**Recommendation:** Move to direct staff to write VTAOT withdrawing support for proceeding with the intersection improvements project as proposed and instruct the Town Manager to request a more in-depth Intersection Improvements Alternative Analysis of the Luce Hill Road / Rte 108 Intersection.

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Agenda Item No. 7  
Town Meeting Informational Meeting

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Summary: This time has been set aside for the Town Meeting Informational Meeting.

It should be disclosed to the public that there was an error in Article 2 of the Warning. It states, "Shall the voters approve the Selectboard allocating six hundred ten thousand dollars (\$619,000) of the accumulated Capital Fund..." The written amount and the numeric amount does not match. The correct amount is \$619,000.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: See Town Report

Recommendation: No action is necessary.

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Agenda Item No 8a  
Other Business – Manager’s Report

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Summary: Sterling Forest Phase 3 timber harvest has begun.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: No action is necessary. This time is set aside to ask questions of a general nature and for the public to be heard on any issue not on the regular agenda that doesn’t require Selectboard action and is of a non-personnel nature.