

Stowe Selectboard and Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting
Monday June 10, 2019
Akeley Memorial Hall

Present:

Selectboard Members: William Noyes, Morgan Nichols, William Adams
Public Works Director Harry Shepard; Caleigh Cross; Paul Sakash; Jamie Mclimans; Kim Royar; Tyler Brown; Mary Karen Crawford; Matthew Rutherford

Call to Order

Chair William Noyes called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approve the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Consent Items

- a. Minutes of May 28, 2019
- b. Community Playground Addition
- c. Internal Controls Checklist
- d. Special Event Applications

On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the Board approved the Consent Items.

Liquor Consent Items

Special Event Permit Application:

- Caledonia Spirits: Joe Kirkwood Memorial Golf Tournament @ Stowe Country Club 744 Cape Cod Rd
June 22, 2019 1:00pm – 6:00pm
- Sticky Paws Meadery: Renaissance Faire: Mayo Fields @ 80 Weeks Hill Rd
June 22-23, 2019 9:00am – 6:00pm
- Smugglers' Notch Distillery: Renaissance Faire: Mayo Fields @ 80 Weeks Hill Rd
June 22-23, 2019 9:00am – 7:00pm
- Mill River Brewing LLC: Renaissance Faire: Mayo Fields @ 80 Weeks Hill Road
June 22-23, 2019 10:00am – 6:00pm

Request to Cater:

- Trapp Family Lodge: Business Reception @ Trapp Yurt 700 Trapp Hill Road
June 12, 2019 4:00pm – 4:45pm
- Trapp Family Lodge: Business Reception @ Trapp Yurt 700 Trapp Hill Road
June 13, 2019 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- Trapp Family Lodge: Wedding @ Wedding Tent 700 Trapp Hill Road
June 29, 2019 4:00pm – 11:00pm
- Trapp Family Lodge: Wedding @ Wedding Tent 700 Trapp Hill Road
July 5, 2019 4:00pm – 11:00pm
- Trapp Family Lodge: Kids' Adventure Games @ Trapp's Outdoor Center 700 Trapp Hill Road
July 27-28, 2019 9:00am – 5:00pm (previous request was for July 26-27, 2019)
- Monkey Hospitality dba The Monkey House: Rehearsal Dinner @ Field Guide 433 Mtn Road
August 16, 2019 3:00pm – 11:00pm

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- Black Diamond Barbeque LLC: Celebration of Life @ MMSC, 403 Spruce Peak Road
June 15, 2019 12:00-5:00pm
- Ari Oli LLC d/b/a PLATE: Rehearsal Dinner @ 2850 Mountain Road
June 14, 2019 5:30 – 11:30pm

2019 Annual Liquor License:

- Hotel Sportiva @ 876 Mountain Road: **Outside Consumption #2**
- Stowe Inn LLC @ 123 Mountain Road: **First Class Hotel License & Outside Consumption**
- Over The Wall @ 2160 Mountain Road: **Outside consumption**

On a motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Adams, the Board approved the Liquor Consent Items as listed.

**Motor Vehicle Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing
(Eliminate Passing Zone on Stagecoach Road)**

Courtney Percy, a resident on Stagecoach Road near the current passing zone has requested that the Town eliminate the no passing zone as it is a residential and agricultural area, and she has witnessed many instances of dangerous passing. The - proposed amendment would remove the designated passing zone effective immediately upon approval. It was asked if this could ever be changed back, which Mr. Safford noted could happen with a future amendment to the ordinance. There was no further discussion on the topic.

On a motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Adams the Board approved the Motor Vehicle Ordinance eliminating the passing zone on Stagecoach Road.

Beaver Management Guidelines

Town Manager Charles Safford presented the Board with Beaver Management Guidelines for consideration. The guidelines were developed with input from a Vermont Furbearer Project Technician through the State Fish and Wildlife Department. The guidelines follow the Agency of Natural Resources Best Management Practices as a guideline and will always act in accordance with the law. Further, the guidelines encourage non-lethal devices but does allow for lethal devices as a last resort. Any trapping would have to be approved in advance by the Selectboard at a publicly warned meeting, except in emergencies in which the Town Manager will consult with Fish and Wildlife. If approved, notice of placement of any traps will be placed in the area. These guidelines can evolve over time with experience but are meant to serve as a managed way to protect Town infrastructure in human beaver conflicts. Kim Royer of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife suggested the policy be called “Stowe Selectboard Guidelines for dealing with Human-Beaver Conflict Management.”

On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the Board approved the Stowe Selectboard Guidelines for Dealing with Human-Beaver Conflict Management.

FY20 Water / Sewer Operating & Capital Budgets

Mr. Safford presented FY20 Water / Sewer Operating & Capital Budgets, noting that the budgets stick to the proforma of 3% decrease in water rates with a 3% increase in wastewater rates. The water budget also incorporates Fire District #3 customers at the same rate as other water customers as the merger has been finalized. The Water Fund now has a positive cash flow. Water Capital Projects include a project to replace the water main on Depot Street which is deteriorated and problematic. FY20 costs of \$150,000

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will cover the engineering design and permitting with an additional \$150,000 for the construction costs to be in the FY21 budget. The Water Department also has a capital project to rehabilitate 2 of the 3 pumps at the Village Green Treatment Plant for a budgeted \$50,000. Additionally, \$50,000 will be moved to the Unallocated Water Capital Reserves.

In Wastewater, the rate increase will help improve the Wastewater Fund Balance, with budgeted capital projects of \$45,000 in miscellaneous Control System Upgrades, \$35,000 for a utility truck replacement and \$20,000 moved to the Unallocated Sewer Capital Reserves. It was noted that the Sewer Plant was built in 1980, rehabbed in 2002.-

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On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the Board warned a public hearing on the FY20 Water and Wastewater Budgets and Capital budgets for 5:35pm on June 24, 2019.

Manager's Report

Mr. Safford advised the Board that the governor has signed H.539 which is the merger between SFD#3 and the Town of Stowe. Also, the Vermont Legislature has approved increased recording fees which will go into effect on July 1, 2019.

On a motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Adams, the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel and Legal at 6:13pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:08pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Earle