

Stowe Selectboard Meeting
Monday June 24, 2019
Akeley Memorial Hall

Present:

Selectboard Members: William Noyes, Morgan Nichols, William Adams; Neil Van Dyke, Lisa Hagerty
Public Works Director Harry Shepard; Planning Director Tom Jackman; Caleigh Cross; Mort Butler,
Rachel Moore, Hope Sullivan **Call to Order**

Chair William Noyes called the Stowe Selectboard meeting to order at 5:37pm.

He opened the meeting by acknowledging the loss of Firefighter Brian Murphy, who recently was awarded the Rookie of the Year award from the Stowe Fire Department. The Board sends their condolences to Brian's family, friends, and brothers in the SFD.

Approve the Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Adams, the Board approved the Selectboard agenda with the addition of the Stoweflake Balloon Festival Special Event Application to Consent Agenda Item 3d.

Consent Items

- a. Minutes of June 10, 2019
- b. Dispatch Contract
- c. July 5th Office Closure
- d. Special Event Application
- e. LCPC Representative Reappointment

On a motion by Ms. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. Adams, the Board approved the Consent Items with the additional of the Stoweflake Balloon Festival Special Event Application to Consent Agenda Item 3d.

Liquor Consent Items

Special Event Permit Application:

- White Mountain Distillery dba Stowe Cider: Stowe Historical Society @ 90 School Street
June 23, 2019 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- Go America Go Beverages dba WhistlePig Whiskey: Whiskey Tasting @ Lodge at Spruce Peak
July 6, 2019 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- Frost Beer Works: Conference/Reception @ Lodge at Spruce Peak
July 12, 2019 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Vermont Distillers: Stowe Foliage Art Festival @ Top Notch Field
October 11-13, 2019 9:30am – 5:30pm
- Dutchess Inn dba Stowe Golf Park @ 1613 Mountain Rd: **Outside Consumption (Occasional Use)**
June 30, 2019 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Art Gallery, Book Store, Museum or Library Serving Permit:

- Helen Day Art Center @ 90 Pond Street
July 20, 2019 4:00pm – 9:00pm

Request to Cater:

- Black Diamond Barbeque: Wedding Party @ Strawberry Hill Farm 300 Meadow Lane
August 24, 2019 4:00pm – 11:00pm

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- Black Diamond Barbeque: Private Party for Burton @ 51 West Shaw Hill Road
October 12, 2019 2:00pm – 12:00am

2019 Annual Liquor License: Dutchess Inn dba Stowe Golf Park @ 1613 Mountain Rd: **Outside Consumption**

On a motion by Mr. Van Dyke, seconded by Ms. Hagerty, the Board approved the Liquor Consent Items as listed.

Stowe Fire District #3 and Town Merger Documents Approval

Mr. Safford presented the Board with the draft Assignment and Deed transferring Stowe Fire District #3 property to the Town of Stowe. Also presented were the draft Assignment and Assumption Acknowledgement that the Town will be responsible for the outstanding debt obligations for SFD #3. The Plan of Merger approved into law that the Town has the right to assess a surcharge to former SFD#3 customers to recover the money to pay off the debt service.

On a motion by Ms. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. Adams the Board approved the draft Assignment, Deed, and Assignment and Assumption Acknowledgement subject to final review by the Town Attorney.

Interim Zoning By-Law Amendments (Downtown Sandwich Board Signs)

Stowe Vibrancy has requested the Selectboard adopt interim zoning in order to help downtown businesses promote themselves during active construction through November 15th. We don't anticipate construction that will be perceived as inhibiting business during the winter months and it would be best not to have the signs during the winter for snow removal purposes. If desired, the Selectboard can institute interim zoning again during the 2020 construction season. It was clarified that this zoning regulation would only be in effect in the Village limits. State work in the Lower Village is scheduled to be complete by the end of June.

On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the Board implemented the interim zoning effective immediately.

Helen Day Art Center Exposed Exhibit

The Helen Day Art Center has requested to place two sculptures on the cultural campus lawn space as part of their annual Exposed exhibit. It was noted that they have scaled back the number of sculptures this year due to the construction on Main Street and the Recreation Path.

On a motion by Mr. Van Dyke, seconded by Ms. Hagerty, the Board approved the HDAC Exposed sculptures.

Arts & Culture Update

Rachel Moore and Hope Sullivan of the Stowe Arts & Culture Coalition presented an update on their work, focusing on Stowe Arts Week which will July 20 – 28, 2019. This week is meant to promote the arts in town, as well as to generate activity, knowledge and awareness of the impact the creative economy has on Stowe. This includes ancillary sales at restaurants and hotels, as well as jobs created. It was discussed that they will be working on surveys to capture the actual economic impact of the arts and culture in Stowe. They also want to work with the Town and other businesses to create a partnership

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which supports the economic synergy of the Arts and the outdoor recreation that Stowe offers. They also want to attract and retain talented artists.

Manager's Report

Mr. Safford noted that the July 8th meeting will include several scheduled site visits to reclassify roads starting at 6pm. The meeting will begin at 5pm at the Akeley Memorial Building to go over other business.

Mr. Safford also provided the schedule of Taxes Raised in FY19 for informational purposes. Finally, Mr. Safford noted that the Governor signed into law bill S.113 which prohibits food service establishments from providing plastic carryout bags, polystyrene food service products and plastic straws. It also requires the Agency of Natural Resources to convene a working group to assess the progress of implementation of single-use carryout plastic bag bans.

On a motion by Ms. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Hagerty, the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate at 6:05pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:48pm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Earle