

**Stowe Selectboard, Liquor Commission & Water/Sewer Commission Meeting  
Tuesday October 11, 2022**

Present:

Selectboard Members: William Adams, Jo Sabel Courtney, Nick Donza

In Person attendees: Eric LaVigne, Dexter Lefavour, David Rough, Paul Sakash

There were 6 participants on Zoom

**Call to Order**

Chair Billy Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Approve the Agenda**

On a motion by Ms. Jo Sabel Courtney, seconded by Mr. Nick Donza, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

**Consent Agenda**

1. 9/19/22 Selectboard Minutes
2. Matterhorn Sewer Abatement Request
3. Hob Knob Sewer Allocation & Water/Sewer Consecutive Agreement
4. Stowe Cider Water/Sewer Allocation & Allocation Reconciliation Agreement
5. 541 S. Main Street Water/Sewer Allocation
6. Liquor Consent Items

On a motion by Ms. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Donza, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Interim Zoning Bylaws Public Hearing**

Sarah McShane, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented the proposed Interim Zoning Bylaws related to Cannabis Establishments, along with two members of the Planning Commission.

Due to the fact that two members of the Selectboard were not able to attend the meeting tonight, the Public Hearing discussion was tabled until October 24, 2022 so that all members of the Board can be present for the discussion.

Chair Adams discussed the possibility of raising building heights in Stowe's growth centers as developable land as a way to accommodate housing and commercial development. Ms. McShane indicated that the Planning Commission has hired a consultant on housing as a result of a grant related to housing in the designated downtown area, and they recently met with the consultant and will begin looking at opportunities for recommended changes by early summer 2023.

On a motion by Chair Adams, seconded by Mr. Donza the Board tabled the Interim Zoning Bylaws Public Hearing until October 24, 2022.

**Manager's Report**

Town Manager Mr. Charles Safford proposed an FY'24 Budget Adoption Schedule for the Board. He noted that a key meeting will be Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> for presenting the budget. January meetings will be devoted to review of the budget.

Mr. Safford also noted that Mount Mansfield Colocation Corporation Monitoring Report had come out showing that the RF Field Measurement were below established federal guidelines for RF exposure to members of the public.

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Mr. Safford also noted that police bulletins had recently been released advising people not to collect candy as it could be tampered with prior to donation. Based on this, the Town of Stowe Recreation Program will not be doing their annual candy donation collection. They have set up a fund where people can donate money which will be used to purchase candy for those on Maple Street. Cost to purchase the candy needed is estimated to be \$2,000 which will be taken out of the Recreation budget if donations do not meet the need.

Mr. Paul Sakash asked if the Paid Parking near 232 Mountain Road signage was in the Town right-of-way. Public Works Director Harry Shepard stated that he believed it was acceptable. He also mentioned garbage bags that were located in the construction zone near Weeks Hill Road, which Mr. Safford said he would get addressed.

Mr. Dexter Lefavour of Middlesex introduced himself as a candidate for State Senate in the Washington District, which now includes Stowe. The candidate engaged with the Board on discussions related to Income Sensitivity Cap related to education taxes, State Education funding, workforce housing and affordability.

Mr. Sakash asked for more clarity on Stowe's new voting districts and who falls where.

On a motion by Ms. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Donza, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss legal matters & contracts at 6:10pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:00pm.

There being no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Sweetser.

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