

**Stowe Selectboard Special Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2023**

Present:

Selectboard Members: Lisa Hagerty, William Adams, Nick Donza, Paco Aumand,
Jo Sabel Courtney; Town Manager Charles Safford

Call to Order

Chair Lisa Hagerty called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approve the Agenda

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

On a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Aumand, the Board went into executive session at 5:35 pm to discuss personnel, contracts, and real estate.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:53pm.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the length of their meetings due to the number and complexity of issues confronting the community. They discussed how to incorporate reasonable public participation while allowing sufficient time for the Selectboard to deliberate as a legislative body. Ideas included but were not limited to having the Chair announce the meeting rules for public participation at the start of the meeting. Paco referenced a document he obtained from another municipality regarding public participation which stated, in part, "All meetings of the Board are meetings in the public, not of the public." The Selectboard requested the Town Manager to incorporate some of these thoughts into their Selectboard Meeting Policy for their consideration at a future meeting.

Ms. Hagerty adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm, seconded by Mr. Donza.

Respectfully submitted by Charles Safford, Town Manager.