

Agenda Summary  
January 23, 2017

Agenda Item No. 3b

Transfer from General Fund to Capital Fund (Ski Museum Painting)

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Summary: \$31,800 was budgeted in the FY'17 Cultural Campus Operating Budget to paint the Ski Museum. However, due to the windows needing restoration and other circumstances the project may not be completed by the end of this fiscal year. Therefore, staff recommends the Selectboard transfer the money from the General Fund Operating Budget to the Capital Fund for project accounting purposes. This will make the money available after June 30, 2107.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to transfer \$38,250 for the painting of the Ski Museum from the General Fund Operating Budget to the General Fund Capital Budget.

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Agenda Item No. 3c

Re: SLT Request to Install Trailhead Kiosk at Stump Dump

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Summary: Enclosed is a request from the Stowe Land Trust to install a trailhead kiosk (9'H x 5' W x 4' D) for their DuMont Meadow property in Moscow. The proposed location is at the small parking area at the end of Adams Mill Road next to the gate to the Town's stump dump property.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to approve SLT's request to install a trailhead at the "Stump Dump" for DuMont Meadow at their expense in accordance with their 1/11/17 letter.

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Agenda Item No. 3d  
VLCT Voting Delegate

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**Summary:** VLCT is requesting the municipality appoint a voting delegate to attend a special meeting to consider amending the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Bylaws as they pertain to the adoption of the VLCT Municipal Policy.

**Town Plan Impact:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Recommendation:** Move to appoint the Town Manager as the VLCT voting delegate.

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Agenda Item No. 3e  
Craft Brew Races Special Event Permit Application

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Summary: Grey Matter Marketing has submitted an application for the Craft Brew Races Stowe to be held Saturday May 20, 2017 at Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa. The complete application is attached. The event is a 5k road race followed by a craft beer festival. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year the event has been held in Stowe. They have requested 4 police officers from 11am-5pm for traffic control and security, which Chief Don Hull has approved. EMS coverage is not required or requested.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to approve the Craft Brew Races Special Event Permit Application for Saturday May 20, 2017.

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Agenda Item No. 4  
Liquor Applications

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Application for Festival Permit:

Gray Matter Marketing, Craft Brew Races Stowe at 1746 Mountain Road, May 19 & 20, 2017

Application for Special Event Permit:

Boyden Valley Winery, Glogg Welcome Party at 823 South Main Street, January 27, 2017

White Mountain Distillery, Stowe Cider, at 1799 Mountain Road, February 2-5, 9-12, 16-19, 2017

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

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

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Agenda Item No. 5  
Charter Change Public Hearing

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Summary: Section 303 (a) of the Stowe Town Charter currently states, “The annual town meeting for the consideration of the budget and other Town business shall be held on the first Tuesday in March.”

The Town Meeting Task Force recommended that you seek voter approval for a charter amendment that would authorize the Selectboard to warn the annual town meeting on the first Tuesday in March or on any of the three preceding days. The intent was to try to increase attendance by allowing the Selectboard to try different dates and times to see if they would help in this regard. One idea suggested was to warn the Annual Meeting on Monday evening, so that people who work could attend and to allow a discussion of Australian ballot articles before voters go to the polls.

The Town Attorney drafted the following language for your consideration: “(a) The annual Town meeting for the consideration of the budget and other Town business shall be held on the first Tuesday of March, or on any of the three immediately preceding days, as determined by the Selectboard.”

This time has been set aside for a public hearing on the proposed charter changes and to consider any changes to the proposed language prior to approving the warning.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: No formal action is required at this time.

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Agenda Item No. 6  
FY'18 General Fund Operating & Capital Budget Deliberations

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Summary: This time has been set aside for a public hearing on the Selectboard proposed FY'18 General Fund Operating Budget and Capital Plan.

Since your last meeting, staff has broken apart the Community Services Budget into the Social Services and Economic Development & Community Services Budgets. Staff also incorporated the appropriations added at your last meeting into the budget and decreased the HDAC custodial line item by \$5,000.

Staff also added \$20,000 to the legal budget in anticipation of the Town intervening in the Public Service Board public hearing process pertaining to the application for a solar project on Cady Hill Road.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Enclosed is the revised Comparative Budget Summary Sheets. It shows the net budget increasing by 4% and the tax rate projected to increase by .0090 or 2.22%.

Recommendation: Discuss and advise what if any changes you desire to make on the proposed FY'18 General Fund Operating Budget and Capital Plan.

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Agenda Item No. 7  
Draft Annual Meeting Warnings

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Summary: Enclosed is a draft of the Annual Meeting Warnings. All of the articles are yearly articles, except for two proposed bond votes by Stowe Electric. One of the proposed Australian ballot articles is asking for voter approval to fund capital projects and the other to fund an equity interest in Transco. SED has proposed them to be approved as general obligation bonds, which would be backed by the full faith and credit of the taxpayers. However, the Stowe Town Attorney advises they should be warned as revenue bonds and has offered alternative language (See Enclosed Opinion).

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: A general obligation bond may result in a lower interest rate because of its level of security.

Recommendation: Discuss and advise on how you want the warning drafted for your consideration at your special meeting at 7:30am on January 26, 2107.



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Agenda Item No: 8a  
Other Business - Manager's Report

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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.