

Municipal Corner – After Annual Meeting

Not long ago, in this column, I recognized the valuable contributions of our municipal employees and volunteers to the town of Stowe. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the voters who showed up at Annual Meeting for approving the budget. And, to all of the taxpayers, I sincerely hope you think your financial investment is worth it. Stowe is a great community and we were reminded of that at Town Meeting last Tuesday. While the numbers may not have been large, the discussions were lively, respectful and informative. I think most who attended would agree that it was a worthwhile Town Meeting.

Please read below for news on upcoming community events and happenings:

“The Bridge” The Rte. 108 bridge with the covered walkway adjacent to the Rte. 100 intersection will be replaced with a new bridge during this coming year. The bridge will be closed to through traffic for a 7 week period starting in early April (tentatively scheduled 4/6 weather permitting) and ending in late May before Memorial Day. Traffic will be detoured around the project using the same detour provided for in the November 2014 period, however, a temporary light signal will be installed at the intersection of VT 100 and West Hill (near Shaws) during this period.

After the bridge has reopened to two way traffic, there should only be intermittent single lane closures for construction while the rest of the drainage, roadway, walkway and sidewalk work is completed. Project completion is scheduled for August 28, 2015.

You can receive construction updates on VTrans web site at <http://watp.vtransprojects.vermont.gov/>. You can also register on the website to receive construction updates by email. Please remember that this is a state run project and questions or concerns should be addressed directly to Carolyn.Carlson@state.vt.us or 828-0048.

Town Plan Update: The Selectboard will begin their review of the Town Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission at their March 23rd meeting. Copies of the draft plan are available on the Town's website www.townofstowevermont.org. Questions about the draft can be directed to Tom Jackman, Town Planner, at tjackman@townofstowevermont.org or 253-2705.

Volunteer Opportunities: This is the time of year when many volunteer board and commission terms expire. If your term is expiring and you are interested in continuing to serve, please send an email to Susan Moeck at smoeck@townofstowevermont.org. If you are not currently serving, but would like to be considered to serve on a board or commission, send an email to Susan indicating what board or commission you would like to be considered for along with any background information you would like to provide to the Selectboard. The Town currently has vacancies on the Library Board and Conservation Commission.

Thank you for your public participation. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

