

## Municipal Corner – August

**Tolerance:** There have been some recent newspaper articles regarding intolerance within Stowe and the region. It is disconcerting that anyone would be intolerant of others due to their race, religion, sexual preference or for other reasons. All people should feel welcome and safe in Stowe.

**Political Signs:** Although the Town's zoning regulations do not require a permit for government or temporary election signs, please remember that unattended political signs are not permitted within the public right-of-way or on public property. The Town will remove them and keep them at the Town Offices. If they are not picked up within a couple of days, they will be disposed of.

**Special Event Signs:** The Town's zoning regulations contain specific provisions pertaining to temporary and portable signs. In commercial districts, signs (including portable signs) no larger than 12 sf are allowed without a zoning permit so long as they are not visible from a public road or right-of-way or are a minimum of 50 ft from the highway right-of-way. Directional signs, including portable signs, for events with fifty (50) or less people are allowed for the day of the event. Directional signs, including portable signs, for events involving more than fifty (50) people are permitted for up to seven (7) days. Directional event signs are meant to assist with traffic control and must include directional information on how to get to the event. Such signs are only permitted in the public right-of-way if permission is obtained from the appropriate governmental body (i.e. the Selectboard or the VT Agency of Transportation.) When a planning special event, you are encouraged to contact Sarah McShane, Stowe Zoning Director ([smcshane@stowevt.gov](mailto:smcshane@stowevt.gov) or 253-6141) to determine where and when temporary signs are allowed.

**Working Together to Save a Life:** Within the last month (and for the third time in as many years) a team comprised of citizen bystanders, Police, EMS, and Fire responded to a Cardiac Arrest within Stowe. A member of the public doesn't have to be an EMT to help save a life, if they simply learn CPR and help until others arrive they can make a tremendous difference. Someone fell ill at a local resort, that was witnessed by someone who knew to "call 911," that same bystander then began CPR; Police arrived with an AED, this led to shocks being delivered, EMS arrived to continue directing the care, Fire Department members showed up to lend a hand (one of them drove the Ambulance to the hospital leaving the two person EMS crew to work with the patient). This incredible team that formed on-the-spot saved a life. It can be done, but not without people stepping up to learn CPR, volunteer with a service, and lending a hand. If you would like to learn CPR, email the EMS department at [ems@stowevt.gov](mailto:ems@stowevt.gov).

**Your Community Needs You:** There was a fire in Stowe at a local resort on a busy summer weekend. The resort was full of guest and it was in the middle of the night. Eleven Stowe Fire Department volunteers answered the call. This is a fewer number than optimal for a structure fire, so neighboring towns were called for mutual aid (Morristown, Waterbury, and Cambridge). With the resort evacuated into the parking lot for safety, the fire was brought under control. Their service is greatly appreciated. If you might be interested in serving on the Stowe Fire Department, please email Tony Carniglia at [tcarniglia@stowevt.gov](mailto:tcarniglia@stowevt.gov). He can tell you what is involved with becoming and serving as a volunteer firefighter, so you can decide if you are ready to help a neighbor by answering the call.

**Have Fun 🎉:** The Stowe Parks & Recreation's Fall/Winter program guide can be viewed at . On-line registration is available. Printed guides are also available at the David Gale Recreation Center, Stowe Arena, and the Akeley Building (aka Town Hall). Ice time is booking up fast at Stowe Arena, call 802-253-

3054 today to reserve ice! Public Skating and Stick Times are posted on Stowe Parks & Recreation's website under Stowe Arena.

**Construction:** There is a lot of construction going on in and around Stowe within the public right-of-way which can be frustrating. We are often asked why the Town doesn't do all construction outside of the tourist season or at night. In New England we have a short construction season to work with as it is and due to the popularity of Stowe there is not much time when the community isn't bustling. Also, the more limitations we put on contractors in terms of the time they can do the work, the more expensive the work is likely to be. Sometimes we do all we can just to get a qualified contractor and the work gets done when they can fit us in. Night work is more expensive and at times may not be desirable due to nearby hotels or residences, but sometimes necessary due to traffic impacts or other reasons. Finally, sometimes work must be done at a certain time due to an emergency, regulatory requirements, or necessity to coordinate work with something else. We try to do what we can, but we can't always practically avoid disruption.

**Lower Village Construction:** The State contractor has begun reconstruction work on Rt. 100 in the Lower Village to work at night. At the same time, the Stowe Fire District has contracted with Percy Construction to install a water main during the day time. The water main construction should be done by the end of September. However, the State's work will continue throughout this construction season and commence again next spring when they will install a new sidewalk and should finish their paving work next June. Installing the water main now will avoid cutting into the new asphalt later.

**Thank you:** Judy Demeritt recently passed. She was a long time Stowe resident who served for over twenty years as an Assistant Town Clerk. She also served for over a decade on the Stowe Cemetery Commission. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts.