

Stowe Housing Task Force

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Akeley Memorial Building
67 Main Street
Stowe, Vermont



Housing Task Force Members: MacKee Macdonald, Walter Frame, Sarah Henshaw, Ken Braverman, Scott Coggins, Josi Kytle, Town Manager Charles Safford (Ex-officio), Mila Lonetto (Ex-officio)

Absent: Stefan Grundmann

Attendees: Assistant Town Manager Will Fricke, Planning & Zoning Director Sarah McShane, Jed Lipsky, Jo Sabel Courtney, Heather Snyder

Call to Order

Chair Macdonald called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Sarah Henshaw moved to approve the agenda and minutes. Scott Coggins seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Guest Speaker – Planning & Zoning Director Sarah McShane

Town of Stowe Planning & Zoning Director Sarah McShane joined the meeting. She presented on and discussed with the Task Force various topics, including the existing zoning regulations and zoning map, the Town of Stowe sewer service area, conserved land, the Downtown Designation program, the Stowe Town Plan, recent state legislation that affected housing including Act 47 and Act 181, Act 250, and recent zoning amendments. Jed Lipsky discussed challenges and opportunities of the legislature as they relate to housing development and affordability.

Housing Needs Assessment RFP Update

Will Fricke noted they have had some positive feedback to the RFP and expect at least two submissions. One potential responding consultant requested an extension to the deadline and noted that the delay would not threaten the ability to have the work completed on time.

Sarah Henshaw moved to delay the RFP deadline to November 11, 2024. Scott Coggins seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Selectboard Quarterly Report

Will Fricke asked the Task Force for comments or edits on the written Selectboard quarterly report. No comments or edits were noted. Charles Safford said it would be beneficial to have an in-person report alongside the written report. McKee Macdonald said he would attend in person to provide the report.

Public to be Heard Non-Binding

No public comment.

Upcoming Meeting Agendas

Will Fricke said they have invited a representative from VHFA to present on October 2 and are working to confirm.

Adjournment

Chair Macdonald adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.

Notes

Minutes submitted by Will Fricke.

The Stowe Housing Task Force meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00am.

A recording of this public meeting is available at: <https://www.townofstowevt.org/housing-task-force>