



TOWN OF STOWE PLANNING COMMISSION Meeting Minutes December 5, 2022

The Town of Stowe Planning Commission held a meeting on **Monday December 5, 2022**, starting at 5:30 p.m. with remote participation available via Zoom. There was no public meeting space. The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Members present included Mila Lonetto, Brian Hamor, Neil Percy, Chuck Baraw, Hope Sullivan, and Chuck Ebel. Staff Sarah McShane was present. Housing Consultant Ken Belliveau was also in attendance.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

Review Prior Meeting Minutes [11/21/2022]

On a motion by C.Baraw, seconded by B.Hamor, the meeting minutes from the prior meeting were approved as submitted. The motion passed 5-0-1, with H.Sullivan recused. M.Lonetto requested that the meeting ground rules discussed during the last meeting be attached to the prior meeting minutes. Staff will attach the ground rules to the meeting minutes.

Public Comments

None

Housing Bylaw Modernization Project: Village Core Vision & Goals

Housing Consultant Ken Belliveau provided an overview of the village sub-areas, and the group discussed the vision for the built environment of the village core. Members made the following suggestions:

- Highlighting key visitor assets and how to make them more pedestrian friendly/accessible. Possibly consider creative and consistent wayfinding signage.
- Encourage less pavement and undifferentiated surface parking areas.
- Reduce pavement; re-organize existing parking areas; create new parking areas.
- Consider adopting a resident visitor parking pass program to allow on street overnight parking in the winter and/or alternate street parking in winter months.
- Look for opportunities to add housing while recognizing the village is largely built out.
- Expand municipal parking areas.
- Better utilize land when re-developed; consider ground level covered parking beneath the building.
- Consider centralized parking in re-development plans for the Memorial Park/Arena area.
- Encourage first floor commercial with upper levels residential; with parking positioned in the rear of the building.
- Consider building height requirements and whether increased height can be supported by the Fire Department.
- Consider infrastructure needs with long-term development plans.
- Consider programs to shift the way the existing housing stock is used.
- Understand how many residential units are in the village and how many more are desired.
- Consider re-districting and reducing the number of zoning districts in the village.

Members discussed opportunities to engage the community. Members suggested developing draft vision summaries for each sub-area then seeking community input. The next meeting will be dedicated towards continued discussion and developing visions for the other village sub-areas.

Updates/Correspondence

Members discussed upcoming meeting schedule. Both regularly scheduled January meetings fall on holidays. Members agreed to hold a special meeting on January 24th.

On February 6th staff from ACCD will provide a presentation on the designated downtown and neighborhood development area programs.

Next Monday December 12th, the Selectboard will be discussing the proposed AT & T antenna planned near the corner of Depot and Park Street. Commission members should attend to provide the Commission's input.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah McShane, Planning & Zoning Director