



**TOWN OF STOWE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2024**

The Town of Stowe Planning Commission held a special meeting on **Tuesday January 9, 2024**, starting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Stowe Town Office with remote participation available via Zoom. The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Members present included Mila Lonetto, Bob Davison, Chuck Ebel, Heather Snyder, Brian Hamor, Jill Anne, and Neil Percy. Staff Sarah McShane was present. Others present in person included Pete Hall and Kathleen Landwehrle. Many others attended on Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chair M.Lonetto at approximately 5:30 pm.

**Adjustments to the Agenda & Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Chair Lonetto explained that due to the snowstorm and travel conditions the Commission members decided to meet remotely, with staff providing in-person participation at the Town Office. To allow staff to travel home before the storm, the Commission agreed to adjust the agenda to first discuss the Commission's short term rental recommendations and table the Town Plan update to the next meeting. B.Davison made a motion to modify the agenda as such. The motion was seconded by J.Anne and passed unanimously.

**Short-Term Rental Recommendations Follow-Up**

Chair Lonetto provided an update on the Commission's past discussions and recommendations regarding short-term rentals and the Selectboard's process of adopting a short-term rental ordinance and registry. She reported that the Commission will continue to monitor the Selectboard process.

**2023 Proposed Zoning Amendments- Review Changes Made by Selectboard**

Staff explained that the Selectboard warned a public hearing for January 10<sup>th</sup> and warned the zoning amendments as originally submitted by the Planning Commission with one exception, the Selectboard elected to remove one of the ADU provisions related to owner occupancy or rented for a period of twelve months. Otherwise, the proposed amendments were warned by the Selectboard as originally submitted. Staff prepared an amended statutory report for the Commission's consideration which she explained needs to be submitted to the legislative body prior to or during the public hearing. B.Davison made a motion to accept the amended report and submit to the Selectboard. The motion was seconded by J.Anne and passed unanimously.

**Review Prior Meeting Minutes [12/04/2023]**

B.Davison motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 4<sup>th</sup>. C.Ebel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Designated Downtown Municipal Reinvestment Agreement**

Staff explained that the town's downtown designation was up for renewal- under statute this process happens every eight years. As part of the renewal application, the municipality must document its continued support for the town's participation in the program and Stowe Vibrancy- our designated downtown organization. B.Davison motioned to approve the designated downtown reinvestment agreement. The motion was seconded by N.Percy and passed unanimously.

**Other Business/News Updates**

B.Davison suggested a Town Plan project name- Our Stowe 2050. N.Percy mentioned that he will not be able to attend the next regular meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The next regularly scheduled meeting is cancelled because of the holiday so the Commission will next meet in February.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah McShane, Planning & Zoning Director