Agenda Summary March 29, 2024

Agenda Item A-1 Warn Special Meeting of the Voters to Consider Rescinding the Stowe Short Term Rental Registry Ordinance

Summary: At this meeting, the Selectboard will determine the date, time, and location to hold a Special Town Meeting for a vote from the floor upon the following petitioned-for article:

Article 1: Shall the voters rescind the Stowe Short-Term Rental Registry Ordinance, adopted February 29, 2024?

The Town Clerk received the petition the morning of March 28 and verified that it has at least 5% of the registered voters. Statute requires the special meeting warning to be posted 30 and 40 days prior to the meeting.

Per 17 V.S.A. § 2641: Warning and notice required; publication of warnings

(a) The legislative body of a municipality shall warn a meeting by posting a warning and notice in at least two public places in the municipality, and in or near the town clerk's office, not less than 30 nor more than 40 days before the meeting. If a municipality has more than one polling place and the polling places are not all in the same building, the warning and notice shall be posted in at least two public places within each voting district and in or near the town clerk's office.

(b) In addition, the warning shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least five days before the meeting, unless the warning is published in the town report and distributed as provided in 24 V.S.A. § 1682. The legislative body annually shall designate the paper in which such a warning may be published. The warning shall also be posted on the municipality's website, if the municipality actively updates its website on a regular basis.

The Stowe High School auditorium does not have availability during the day on a weekday before the school year ends on approximately June 18, but we are awaiting evening availability and will have that information by Friday morning. The auditorium is available on Saturdays.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: When the Selectboard is ready and has decided on a date, time, and location; move to adopt the enclosed warning for a special meeting on [DATE] at [TIME] o'clock AM/PM, to be held at [LOCATION] to vote on the question of whether to rescind the Town's Short-Term Rental Registry Ordinance, adopted February 29, 2024.

In addition, the Selectboard must sign the attached warning.

OFFICIAL WARNING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING STOWE VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town of Stowe are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Stowe High School Auditorium on ______, _____, 2024, at 8:00 AM for a special meeting to vote from the floor upon the following petitioned-for article:

Article 1: Shall the voters rescind the Stowe Short-Term Rental Registry Ordinance, adopted February 29, 2024?

ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe, Vermont, dated this ____ day of _____ 2024.

WILLIAM W. ADAMS, II

FRANCIS "PACO" AUMAND

DOMINICK DONZA

JO SABEL COURTNEY

ETHAN CARLSON