

**Agenda Summary**  
**April 24, 2024**

**Agenda Item No. C-1**  
**Other Business – Manager’s Report**

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**EPA PFAS Final Rules:** On 4/10, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), announced its Final Rules for PFAS in Drinking Water. These establish nationwide enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL’s) and non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLG’s) for certain types of PFAS including PFOA, which is the type of PFAS that has been detected in our Village Green water supply, and PFOS, which has been detected in other nearby water supplies, amongst others.

The Final Rules also mandate additional testing requirements and compliance deadlines. For PFOA and PFOS, the MCL is 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) individually, which is what was proposed in the Draft Rule. This is slightly above the maximum test result we have detected to date from our Village Green supply of 3.6 ppt. **Stowe’s drinking water is currently compliant with the new USEPA PFAS Rule.** It is also noteworthy that in 10 of our 11-water distribution system pressure zones, our finished water concentration level is less than 3.6 ppt max detected to date due to blending of water from our Edson Hill supply, which has no PFAS detection, and we have maximized. These blended values vary seasonally and differentially in most of our pressure zones. The Final Rule also mandates continued PFAS testing (semi-annually if our finished water concentrations remain below 4.0 ppt). For those systems that exceed 4.0 ppt of PFOA or PFOS, (EPA estimates 10% of the Public Drinking Water systems serving approximately 100 million Americans nationwide), compliance is required within 5 years. This is an increase of 2 additional years from the Draft Rules in recognition of the magnitude of the problem nationwide.

The new MCLG is Zero and it is likely that as testing and treatment technologies advance, this MCLG will become a future MCL. Now that the USEPA Rule has been issued, Vermont’s PFAS Response Plan calls for the establishment of new Vermont MCL’s, which may be set lower than the Federal requirements. It is not clear to us yet what the timeline for possible Vermont action is, but we are aware that it is currently being actively discussed between VTDEC and the VT Dept of Health. Given the MCLG of Zero and the possibility that Vermont may establish an MCL lower than the new USEPA MCL, staff recommends that we proceed with advancing our PFAS Drinking Water Response Plan, an active FY24 Water Capital project. In general, this includes evaluations of both PFAS Treatment of our existing Village Green Water supply and evaluations of alternative PFAS free water supplies. Both efforts have advanced and will inform our future alternative considerations. - The Public Works Director, who also serves on VLCT’s Water Policy Committee and the Green Mountain Water Environment Association’s Board of Directors, may be asked to offer testimony to legislative committees regarding Vermont proposed MCL and Stowe’s PFAS response and experience, which are believed to be more advanced than any others currently in VT. This may help inform these future statewide policy decisions, particularly in regard to cost and timeframe for compliance.

**Depot Street watermain:** A watermain failure on Depot Street near Copley Woodlands requiring emergency repair occurred on 4/4. A photograph of the section cut out of the failed section is enclosed. It depicts severe deterioration of the Ductile Iron pipe and is the 5th deterioration failure that has occurred along Depot Street. This deterioration is the result of acid soils that exist in the area, likely a result of wood mill residual which creates acidic conditions. Most of Depot Street was

formally a wood mill. These are problematic for this type of pipe and causing extensive levels of deterioration. Our FY19 Water Capital budget included a project to replace this section of watermain that was suspended because of COVID. Given the pipe conditions Public Works is going to prioritize this effort.

**Stowe Hollow Road Culvert Replacement:** Stowe Public Works will be closing Stowe Hollow Road for parts of Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25 to replace a culvert in the section that is to be repaved. For affected residents, this will mean a detour to Stowe village via Waterbury Center. The closure will impact approximately 25-30 residential properties in Stowe.

**Density Legislative Update:** The State Legislature is currently considering more than doubling the density requirement from 5 to 12 units per acre where there is water and sewer. Enclosed is a legislative update from VLCT on the topic.


**Act 250 Notices:** The following Act 250 notice was issued:

VTRans comments on a proposed permit for 89 Golden Eagle Drive. The project includes the construction of 6 new lodging cabins served by municipal water and sewer, a landscaped courtyard, a relocated parking area, new municipal water service lines to three existing buildings, and related site improvements. The project also includes subdivision of a 1.19-acre lot for an existing single-family residence and garage.

**Minutes:** Enclosed are the following minutes:

- Development Review Board – April 2, April 16
- Recreation Commission – March 6
- Historic Preservation Commission – April 17
- Electric Commission – March 20
- Energy Committee – March 28

**Recommendation:** No action is necessary. This time is set aside to ask questions of a general nature and for the public to be heard on any issue not on the regular agenda that does not require Selectboard action and is of a non-personnel nature.

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## Safe Drinking Water Act

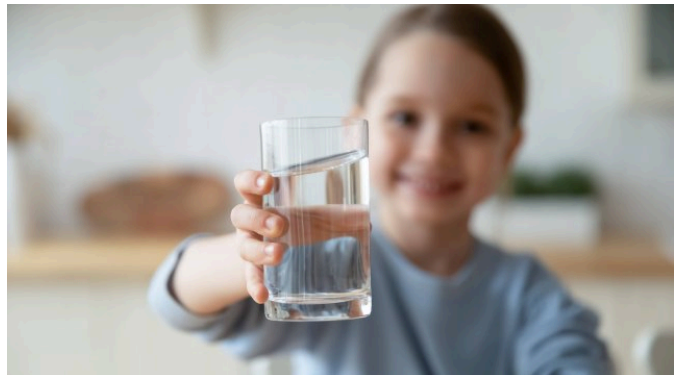
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# Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

## Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation

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# Summary

On April 10, 2024, EPA announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six PFAS. To inform the final rule, EPA evaluated over 120,000 comments submitted by the public on the rule proposal, as well as considered input received during multiple consultations and stakeholder engagement activities held both prior to and following the proposed rule. EPA expects that over many years the final rule will prevent PFAS exposure in drinking water for approximately 100 million people, prevent thousands of deaths, and reduce tens of thousands of serious PFAS-attributable illnesses.

EPA is also making unprecedented funding available to help ensure that all people have clean and safe water. In addition to today's final rule, \$1 billion in newly available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law <<https://epa.gov/dwcapacity/emerging-contaminants-ec-small-or-disadvantaged-communities-grant-sdc#2024>> to help states and territories implement PFAS testing and treatment at public water systems and to help owners of private wells address PFAS contamination.

EPA finalized a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) establishing legally enforceable levels, called Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), for six PFAS in drinking water. PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA as contaminants with individual MCLs, and PFAS mixtures containing at least two or more of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS using a Hazard Index MCL to account for the combined and co-occurring levels of these PFAS in drinking water. EPA also finalized health-based, non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) for these PFAS.

<b>Compound</b>	<b>Final MCLG</b>	<b>Final MCL (enforceable levels)</b>
PFOA	Zero	4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) (also expressed as ng/L)
PFOS	Zero	4.0 ppt
PFHxS	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFNA	10 ppt	10 ppt
HFPO-DA (commonly known as GenX Chemicals)	10 ppt	10 ppt




Compound	Final MCLG	Final MCL (enforceable levels)
Mixtures containing two or more of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	1 (unitless) Hazard Index	1 (unitless) Hazard Index

### The final rule requires:

- Public water systems must monitor for these PFAS and have three years to complete initial monitoring (by 2027), followed by ongoing compliance monitoring. Water systems must also provide the public with information on the levels of these PFAS in their drinking water beginning in 2027.
- Public water systems have five years (by 2029) to implement solutions that reduce these PFAS if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed these MCLs.
- Beginning in five years (2029), public water systems that have PFAS in drinking water which violates one or more of these MCLs must take action to reduce levels of these PFAS in their drinking water and must provide notification to the public of the violation.


## Supporting Materials

### General Information








-  General Fact Sheet: EPA's Final Rule to Limit PFAS in Drinking Water (pdf)  
[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-ncpdwr\\_fact-sheet\\_general\\_4.9.24v1.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-ncpdwr_fact-sheet_general_4.9.24v1.pdf) (162.7 KB)
-  Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (pdf) [https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-ncpdwr\\_qa\\_general\\_4.9.24v1.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-ncpdwr_qa_general_4.9.24v1.pdf) (217.8 KB)
-  Fact Sheet: Reducing PFAS in Your Drinking Water with a Home Filter (pdf)  
<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/water-filter-fact-sheet.pdf> (147.3 KB)

### Communications Toolkit


EPA has developed this toolkit of materials <https://epa.gov/sdwa/pfas-communications-toolkit> for entities that need to communicate about PFAS.

-  **Presentation: Overview EPA PFAS NPDWR (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr-presentation\\_4.9.24\\_overview.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr-presentation_4.9.24_overview.pdf)>  
(447.1 KB)
- **Press Release: Biden-Harris Administration Finalizes First-Ever National Drinking Water Standard to Protect 100M People from PFAS Pollution** <<https://epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-finalizes-first-ever-national-drinking-water-standard>>
- **Español** <<https://epa.gov/sdwa/additional-supporting-materials-final-pfas-npdwr>>

## Information for States, Tribes, and Water Systems

-  **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for Drinking Water Primacy Agencies: Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas\\_npwdr\\_faqsstates\\_4.8.24.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas_npwdr_faqsstates_4.8.24.pdf)> (283.7 KB)
-  **Fact Sheet: Understanding the Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Hazard Index Maximum Contaminant Level (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr\\_fact-sheet\\_hazard-index\\_4.8.24.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_fact-sheet_hazard-index_4.8.24.pdf)>  
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-  **Fact Sheet: Benefits and Costs of Reducing PFAS in Drinking Water (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr\\_fact-sheet\\_cost-and-benefits\\_4.8.24.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_fact-sheet_cost-and-benefits_4.8.24.pdf)>  
(162 KB)
-  **Fact Sheet: Small and Rural Water Systems (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr\\_fact-sheet\\_monitoring\\_4.8.24.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_fact-sheet_monitoring_4.8.24.pdf)>  
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-  **Fact Sheet: PFAS NPDWR Monitoring and Reporting (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr\\_fact-sheet\\_monitoring\\_4.8.24\\_0.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_fact-sheet_monitoring_4.8.24_0.pdf)>  
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-  **Fact Sheet: Treatment Options for Removing PFAS in Drinking Water (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr\\_fact-sheet\\_treatment\\_4.8.24.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_fact-sheet_treatment_4.8.24.pdf)> (189.6 KB)
-  **Fact Sheet: Comparison Between EPA's Proposed and Final PFAS NPDWR (pdf)**  
<[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/fact-sheet\\_proposal-vs.-final-pfas-npdwr\\_comparison\\_final.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/fact-sheet_proposal-vs.-final-pfas-npdwr_comparison_final.pdf)> (176.8 KB)

## Regulatory Information

-  Pre-Publication Federal Register Notice: Final PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (pdf) <[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-mpdwr\\_prepubfederalregisternotice\\_4.8.24.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-mpdwr_prepubfederalregisternotice_4.8.24.pdf)> (2.7 MB)
- Find additional supporting materials, including all EPA Technical Support Documents informing the final rule and EPA's Response to Public Comments <<https://epa.gov/sdwa/additional-supporting-materials-final-pfas-mpdwr>> on the Proposed PFAS NPDWR. These documents, as well as all other supporting information for the Final PFAS NPDWR, will be available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0114 once the final rule publishes in the Federal Register.

## Webinars

EPA is holding three informational webinars for communities, water systems, and other drinking water professionals about the final PFAS NPDWR. These webinars are scheduled on April 16, April 23, and April 30, 2024. The webinars will be similar, with each intended for specific audiences. Registration is required to attend and EPA requests that registrants only register for one of the webinars. The webinar recordings and presentation materials will be made available on this website following the webinars. For questions related to the public webinars, please contact [PFASNPDWR@epa.gov](mailto:PFASNPDWR@epa.gov).

- April 16, 2024 (2:00-3:00 pm EDT) Webinar Registration: General Overview of PFAS NPDWR for Communities [🔗](#)
- April 23, 2024 (2:00 - 3:00 pm EDT) Webinar Registration: Drinking Water Utilities and Professionals Technical Overview of PFAS NPDWR [🔗](#)
- April 30, 2024 (2:00 - 3:30 pm EDT) Webinar Registration: Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series on Final PFAS NPDWR and PFAS Drinking Water Treatment <<https://epa.gov/water-research/small-drinking-water-systems-webinar-series>>

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## Background

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act <<https://epa.gov/sdwa>>, EPA has the authority to set enforceable National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) for drinking water contaminants and require monitoring of public water systems. In March 2021, EPA

published Regulatory Determinations for Contaminants on the Fourth Contaminant Candidate List <<https://epa.gov/ccl/regulatory-determination-4>> which included a final determination to regulate PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. As a part of that final determination, EPA indicated it would also evaluate additional PFAS and consider regulatory actions to address groups of PFAS.

On March 24, 2023, EPA proposed <<https://epa.gov/sdwa/proposed-pfas-national-primary-drinking-water-regulation>> the PFAS NDPWR. Concurrent with the proposed rule, EPA also announced preliminary regulatory determinations for PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory development process. EPA proposed to regulate PFOA and PFOS with individual MCLs and PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS using a Hazard Index which accounts for co-occurring mixtures of these four PFAS. Concurrent with the final PFAS NDPWR announced on April 10, 2024, EPA also announced final individual regulatory determinations for PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA, and final regulatory determination for mixtures containing two or more of these three PFAS and PFBS. This regulation will also remove many other PFAS when they co-occur with these regulated PFAS.

## Further Information

To learn more about PFAS and to find important background information to support understanding the details of specific actions EPA takes to address PFAS and other emerging events related to PFAS <<https://epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>>.

Contact Us <<https://epa.gov/sdwa/forms/contact-us-about-safe-drinking-water-act>> to ask a question, provide feedback, or report a problem.

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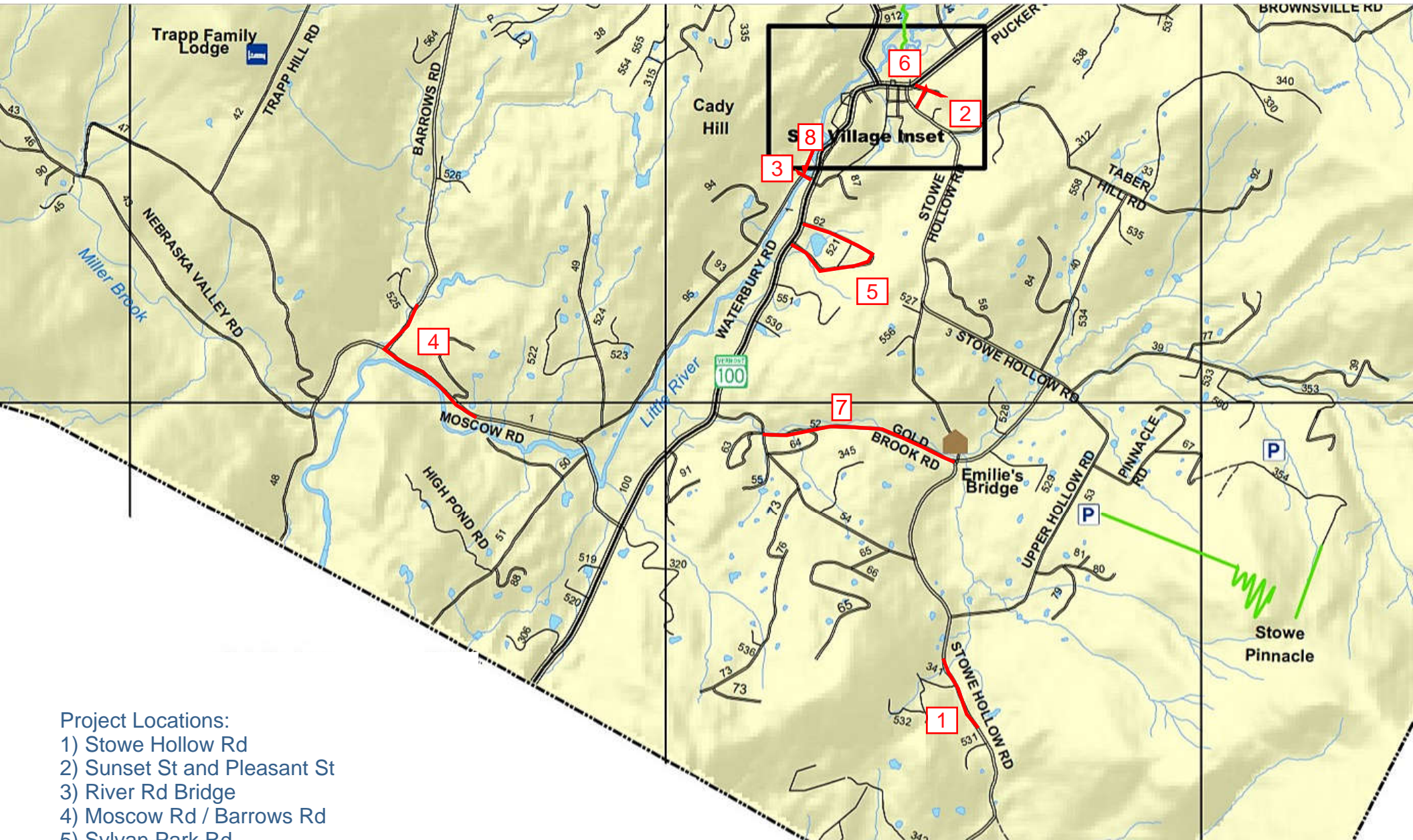




# Map of Proposed Paving Locations

FY 24 and FY 25

April 24, 2024



## Project Locations:

- 1) Stowe Hollow Rd
- 2) Sunset St and Pleasant St
- 3) River Rd Bridge
- 4) Moscow Rd / Barrows Rd
- 5) Sylvan Park Rd
- 6) Lintilhac Park (Rec Path)
- 7) Gold Brook Rd
- 8) Highway / WWTP Access Rd



## Will Fricke

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**From:** VLCT Advocacy Alert <info@vlct.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 4:10 PM  
**To:** Will Fricke  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ACT TODAY: Senate May Add Municipal Zoning Preemptions to Act 250 Bill

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## Senate May Add Municipal Zoning Preemptions to Act 250 Bill

**The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy is poised to attach a list of municipal zoning preemptions to their Act 250 bill – H.687, including:**

- More than doubling the density requirement from five to 12 units per acre where there is water and sewer;
- Reducing municipalities' ability to have input on how hotels and motels are converted to permanently affordable housing; and
- Requiring municipalities to recognize tandem parking as multiple parking spaces;

**NOW is the time to contact your Senators, especially members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and ask that these provisions be removed:**

- Senator Christopher Bray (Addison County): cbray@leg.state.vt.us
- Senator Anne Watson (Washington / Lamoille County): awatson@leg.state.vt.us
- Senator Dick McCormack (Windsor County): rmccormack@leg.state.vt.us
- Senator Mark MacDonald (Orange County): mmacdonald@leg.state.vt.us
- Senator Becca White (Windsor County): rwhite@leg.state.vt.us

**You may wish to make the following points:**

- Last year the Legislature passed several preemptions to local zoning aimed at facilitating housing growth. This year the Legislature should focus on state restrictions to growth before telling municipalities to do more.
- Section 10 of S.311 would effectively more than double the amount of housing cities and towns would need to allow on an acre of land in water and sewer districts. It was only last year that the legislature created a fiveunit per acre requirement. Let that provision go into action before creating a new 12 unit per acre provision.
- The state's decision to house unhoused Vermonters in hotels and motels has had tremendous impacts on municipalities' ability to provide services. Now telling towns that they need to have less input on when hotels and motels are turned into permanent housing seems to demonstrate we haven't learned the lesson of these past hasty decisions.

- Last year, the legislature preempted municipalities' ability to require more than one parking space per dwelling where there is water and sewer. Provisions that would now require tandem parking or define the size of a parking space throughout the town may have unintended consequences for people living in those units and their neighbors. No one enjoys having to shuffle cars, which may result in parking problems, especially given the proposed density requirements.
- Please do not include these provisions in H.687. Keep the focus on Act 250 and state housing programs.

To review our session long update on these Act 250 Bills, please visit [Advocacy Updates: Housing, Community Development and Land Use](#). You can also [read our testimony](#).

Thank you for your attention on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Ted Brady  
VLCT Executive Director



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STATE OF VERMONT  
DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION #5

RE: LC1 Owner Stowe VT, LLC  
#5L0371-13

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE  
STATUTORY PARTY**

Please enter the appearance of the State of Vermont, Agency of Transportation ("VTrans") in the above-entitled matter as a statutory party pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §6085(c)(1)(D). VTrans hereby requests that the following representatives of the Agency be added to the Certificate of Service and that all correspondence and documents filed in this matter be served upon those representatives:

Nathan Covey  
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Vermont Agency of Transportation  
Development Review and Permitting Services  
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Christopher Clow  
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Additionally, VTrans has the following comments in conjunction with this matter:

**CRITERIA 5: TRAFFIC**

1. Please see attached VTrans Comment letter dated April 10, 2024.

Dated at Barre, Vermont this 10th day of April 2024

Respectively submitted,

By: Christopher Clow  
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April 10, 2024

Kevin Anderson  
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**Re: 5L0371-13 LC1 Owner Stowe, LLC – Stowe**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

VTrans has reviewed the proposed permit for the above application and offers the comment below.

**Traffic Review**

The proposed development consists of an as construction of 6 new lodging cabins served by municipal water and sewer, a landscaped courtyard, a relocated parking area, new municipal water service lines to three existing buildings, and related site improvements. The project also includes subdivision of a 1.19-acre lot for an existing single-family residence and garage. According to the application, the development is expected to generate 1 vehicle per hour (vph) during the AM Peak Hour and 1 vph during the PM Peak Hour. In looking at the latest edition of the ITE Trip Generation manual, this trip estimate is approximately accurate. The trip estimate for these types of rentable resort cabins is 2 AM peak hour trips and 2 PM peak hours trips. Based on this small amount of trips, VTrans has no concerns relative to the impact of the project on local traffic congestion or safety.

**Section 1111 State Highway Access and Work Permit**

Based on our review, the proposed project will require a Section 1111 State Highway Access and Work Permit for the following reasons:

- The project is subdividing land adjacent to a state road. By statute, any subdivision of land adjacent to a state road must go through the VTrans Section 1111 process and review.
- The existing private road (Eagle Ridge Road) does not have a permit nor is it up to the required access commercial standard of VTrans B-71 Standard Detail D.
- The other residential access points that are part of this parcel do not have permits.

VTrans respectfully requests the following condition be added to the Land Use Permit:

**Prior to construction, the applicant shall obtain a Section 1111 State Highway Access and Work Permit from the Vermont Agency of Transportation.**

The applicant is encouraged to contact Nathan Covey at VTrans Permitting Services to start the permitting process. Nathan can be reached at (802) 498-7055 or [nathan.covey@vermont.gov](mailto:nathan.covey@vermont.gov).

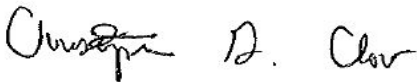
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**Act 145 Transportation Impact Fee**

**Based on our review of this permit application, VTrans does not recommend payment of a transportation impact fee pursuant to Act 145.** Act 145 allows a District Commission to require payment of a transportation impact fee for a capital transportation improvement that is "...necessary to mitigate the transportation impacts of a proposed development or subdivision or that benefit the proposed development or subdivision" (10 VSA §6104). Act 250 developments that create fewer than 75PM peak hour trips are subject to Act 145 assessment on capacity bearing projects within the VTrans Capital Program that are within three roadway miles from the applicant's project. The projects within this distance are the Luce Hill Road Traffic Signal (STP 0235(24)) as well as the West Hill Road Traffic Signal (STPG SGNL(52)). However, VTrans analysis of the development's trips concludes that it is unlikely that any of the 2 PM peak hour trips would contact these projects based on the small trip number combined with the trip dispersion that occurs within the intersections between the proposed project and the Act 145 projects. Given these considerations, VTrans does not recommend an Act 145 transportation impact fee.

Please contact me with any questions or comments related to the traffic review or the Act 145 transportation impact fee at 802-522-4901 or [christopher.clow@vermont.gov](mailto:christopher.clow@vermont.gov)

Sincerely,



Christopher G. Clow, PE  
Transportation Engineer

cc: Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE #5L0371-13

I, Christopher Clow, of the Agency of Transportation hereby certify that on April 10, 2024, I sent a comment letter to the District #5 Environmental Commission concerning the applicant, LC1 Owner Stowe VT, LLC., 5L0371-13, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid or by email to the following:

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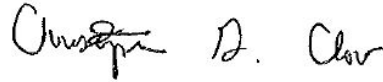
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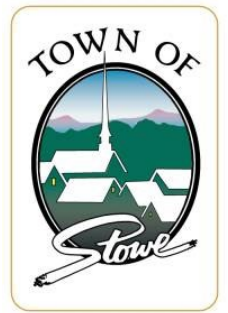
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Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 10th day of  
April 2024.



Christopher G. Clow, PE  
Vermont Agency of Transportation





**Town of Stowe  
Development Review Board  
Meeting Minutes – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Development Review Board was held on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, starting at approximately 5:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Stowe Town Office with remote participation using the “Zoom” application.

**Members Present:** Drew Clymer, Patricia Gabel, David Kelly, Mary Black, Peter Roberts, Tom Hand, Andrew Volansky

**Staff Present:** Sarah McShane - Planning & Zoning Director, Ryan Morrison - Deputy Zoning Administrator, Piper Van Kerkhove - Planning & Zoning Assistant

**Others Present in Person:** [See sign-in attendance sheet]

Meeting Chair Drew Clymer called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01pm.

T. Hand made a motion to enter deliberative session. The motion was seconded by M. Black and passed unanimously. The board left the room and entered a deliberative session. The board re-entered the room. M. Black made a motion to exit the deliberative session. T. Hand seconded. The board exited deliberative session and began the public hearings.

**Development Review Public Hearings**

**Project #: 7334**

**Owner: Ampersand Properties LLC Attn: Ken Biedermann**

**Tax Parcel #: 06-088.200**

**Location: Mountain Road /06-088.200**

**Project: Partial Review of General Layout & Meadowland Overlay District [§8.1(4)(2)]**

**Zoning: MRV**

Chair Clymer swore in participant Ken Biedermann. The applicant is seeking partial review of the general layout under Section 8.1(4)(2).

K. Biedermann introduced the project. He described the property as a 10-acre parcel that was previously permitted for a similar development. 4.7 acres of the parcel is in the Meadowland Overlay District (MOD). To develop in the MOD, the regulations require a minimum of 1.5 acres of green space, the applicant is proposing to use portions of the river corridor to satisfy the green space requirement.

Chair Clymer stated that the purpose of the MOD is to ensure there is public access to land/green space.

K. Biedermann stated that the Stowe Rec path runs through the green space and faces the river.

A. Volansky stated that ground water in that area could be an encumbrance and that the water table should be measured.

45  
46 K. Biedermann described another portion of the land that he plans on leaving undeveloped or  
47 potentially using for affordable housing.  
48  
49 T. Hand asked if the applicant would consider making the property have more of an open view  
50 across the MOD from Mountain Road.  
51  
52 K. Biedermann stated that the development would benefit the view from Mountain Road and soften  
53 the appearance of the large neighboring building.  
54  
55 T. Hand stated that the proposed green space does not fit with what a village green is.  
56  
57 Following discussion, D. Kelly motioned to continue the hearing to May 21<sup>st</sup>. M. Black seconded the  
58 motion; the motion passed unanimously.  
59  
60 With additional comments and questions, T. Hand motioned to reopen the hearing and discussion.  
61  
62 P. Gabel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
63  
64 Chair Clymer explained that some of what was said during the testimony was not clearly shown on  
65 the plans.  
66  
67 T. Hand suggested that the village green needs to be more publicly accessible, and that the applicant  
68 consider a plan to create the village green area as a public space.  
69  
70 P. Gabel stated that the proposal should show how the plan complies with the village green  
71 requirements of the MOD provisions.  
72  
73 P. Gabel motioned to continue the hearing to May 21<sup>st</sup>. M. Black seconded the motion. The motion  
74 passed unanimously.  
75  
76 **Project #: 7308**  
77 **Owner: Allison & David Kouba Vermont Trustees: David and Allison Kouba**  
78 **Tax Parcel #: 11-114.050**  
79 **Location: 202 Majestic Heights**  
80 **Project: Construct a Single-Family Dwelling and Associated Improvements. Zoning:**  
81 **RR5/RHOD**  
82  
83 Chair Clymer swore in participants Bill Moore and George McCain.  
84  
85 Chair Clymer began by explaining that he did not consider the provided viewshed analysis  
86 sufficient.  
87  
88 A. Volansky stated that he had concerns with missing information including the grading, lack of  
89 landscaping plans, and the driveway details.  
90  
91 B. Moore stated that he could only see the neighboring parcel, Lot 6, from one location on Edson Hill

92 Road.

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94 Chair Clymer asked for the applicant to document that the site was not visible and to provide larger  
95 photographs including views on to and arising from the property.

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97 P. Roberts requested that a cross section showing the surrounding trees and slope be provided.

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99 M. Black motioned to continue the hearing to May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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101 P. Gabel seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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103 **Project #: 7325**

104 **Owner: Stowe Country Club LLC**

105 **Tax Parcel # : 06-081.000**

106 **Location: 744 Cape Cod Rd**

107 **Project: Preliminary Review for 26-lot Subdivision/PUD including Club House, Recreational  
108 Amenities, and Residential Uses.**

109 **Zoning: RR2/RR3**

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111 Chair Clymer opened the hearing and explained that the Board would allocate two hours for  
112 discussion and then continue the hearing to allow for additional review. Sam Gaines, Dave  
113 Marshall, and Rob Apple introduced themselves as the applicants and presenters.

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115 The Chair asked in-person and zoom attendees to identify themselves including their address and  
116 whether they are seeking interested person status, if they are part of an homeowners association  
117 (HOA) or an individual, and if they are being represented by an attorney. The following persons  
118 were identified and spoke during the hearing:

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120 1. Stoweflake Townhouse HOA (represented by Hal Stevens)

121 2. Meadows HOA(represented by Hal Stevens)

122 3. Baraw Enterprises (represented by Hal Stevens)

123 4. Stowe Club Highlands HOA (represented by Andrea Gellis)

124 5. Village Green HOA (represented by Stackpole & French)

125 6. Rob Levy(individual) (28 Perkins Lane)

126 7. Steve Edward(individual) (24 Stoweflake Meadows Loop) Cheryl Vince(individual) (96  
127 Benjamin Trail)

128 8. Dominique Root(individual) 519 Sinclair Drive

129 9. Richard Kleiman (individual) (177 Country Club Loop)

130 10. Sevan Yekhpairian (individual) (0 Perkins Lane-Lot 28)

131 11. Leighton Detora (individual) (1174 Sinclair Road)

132 12. Leigh Mallory (individual) (Village Green -1003 Cape Cod Road)

133 13. Stu & Marion Baraw (individual) (96 Stoweflake Meadows)

134 14. Jordan Flyle (individual) (87 Summit Run)

135 15. Sheri Baraw (individual) 41 Stoweflake Meadows Ext.

136 16. Barbara Baraw (individual), 37 Stoweflake Meadows Ext.

137 17. Elizabeth Connely and Britney Aube / Stackpole & French

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139 Chair Clymer swore in all participants. The above listed persons spoke during the hearing offering  
140 various comments and questions regarding the project.

141  
142 Sam Gaines began by introducing and describing the project. The project includes recreational,  
143 residential, and open space components.  
144  
145 D. Marshall explained that the project would create large areas of open space with a PUD that  
146 allows for smaller, reduced residential lot sizes. The smaller lots would be more tightly grouped in  
147 the two proposed neighborhoods. He provided an overview of the project design, location, density,  
148 etc.  
149  
150 On behalf of the Stoweflake Townhouse HOA (Charles Pineles-Mark) stated that he believes the  
151 applicant has the incorrect location of the shared property lines on their plans.  
152  
153 D. Marshall agreed that the lines on the plans were incorrectly placed, but they have accurate  
154 measurements. The lines shown on the satellite image map are not properly aligned, but they are  
155 correctly measured.  
156  
157 D. Marshall stated that there are ten dwelling units proposed outside the sewer district, however  
158 the soil is suitable for septic if they cannot change sewer service district boundaries to allow  
159 connection.  
160  
161 D. Marshall explained that the North neighborhood will be lower density.  
162  
163 T. Hand stated that the plans for the developments are already requesting waivers and show no  
164 room for change as they go through the building process.  
165  
166 P. Roberts asked the Applicant if given the vastness of their development plans, if they would be  
167 willing to commit that the rest of the golf course would remain undeveloped in the future.  
168  
169 D. Marshall presented the street views that illustrate existing conditions and drawings of the  
170 planned design.  
171  
172 Members discussed the landscaping and screening. T. Hand suggested that the trees in the design  
173 perspectives could be shown as mature, however, to make sure that the quantity was accurate as  
174 well.  
175  
176 Members reviewed the dimensional requirements including the requested waivers. The Applicant  
177 is requesting modifications to reduce the lot area, typical setbacks, and a waiver of the double  
178 perimeter setback requirements. Members began reviewing the standards for the double setback  
179 waiver. The regulations require that an Applicant demonstrate compliance with all the criterion  
180 and the DRB make specific findings. Members discussed the elements of the criterion and asked  
181 questions of the applicant.  
182  
183 Following two hours of discussion and the presentation of testimony and evidence, T. Hand  
184 motioned to continue the meeting to the time and date certain of June 4, 2024.  
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186 M. Black seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.  
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188 **Other Business:**  
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190 None.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

D. Kelly motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

P. Gabel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

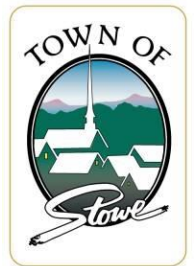
M. Black motioned to adjourn the meeting.

D. Kelly seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Piper Van Kerkhove  
Planning and Zoning Assistant

**Town of Stowe  
Development Review Board  
Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2024**

**Development Review Board**  
Drew Clymer, Chair  
Christopher Walton  
David Kelly  
Thomas Hand  
Peter Roberts  
Mary Black  
Patricia Gabel



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3 A regular meeting of the Development Review Board was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024,  
4 starting at approximately 5:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Stowe Town Office with remote  
5 participation using the “Zoom” application.

6 **Members Present:** Drew Clymer, Tom Hand, David Kelly, Mary Black, William Ardilino

7 **Staff Present:** Ryan Morrison- Deputy Zoning Administrator, Piper Van Kerkhove – Planning and  
8 Zoning Assistant

9 **Others Present in Person:** [See sign-in attendance sheet]

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11 Meeting Chair Clymer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:59pm.

12 **Development Review Public Hearings**

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14 **Project #: 7283 (Cont. from 3/5/24)**

15 **Owner: Jeffrey & Anne Mitchell Revok, Trustees: Jeffrey & Anne Mitchell**

16 **Tax Parcel #: 11-029.010**

17 **Location: 0 Spring Trail Road**

18 **Project: Request Approval for Pre-Development Clearing and Construction of a Driveway;**

19 **Property is in Rhod.**

20 **Zoning: RR5/RHOD**

21  
22 The applicants for Project #7283 submitted a written request to continue the hearing to a time and  
23 date certain. Chair Clymer indicated he was not in favor of granting the continuance. The DRB  
24 discussed the request and following discussion M. Black made a motion to reject the request for a  
25 continuance.

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27 W. Ardilino seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously, 5-0

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29 Following additional discussion, M. Black then made a motion to close testimony for the hearing.

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31 T. Hand seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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33 **Project #: 7333**

34 **Owner: AWH Stowe Resort Hotel LLC c/o AWH Partners LLC**

35 **Tax Parcel #: 11-138.000**

36 **Location: 199 Topnotch Dr**

37 **Project: Conditional Use for Seasonal Farmer's Market, Weekly May-October on Topnotch**  
38 **Events Field**

39 **Zoning: UMR/PUD/MOD/RHOD/FHD**

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41 Chair Clymer swore in participants Jason Pacioni, Heather Mallory, Samantha Kennedy, and Karen  
42 Huard.

43  
44 J. Pacioni introduced the project and explained their need for a new location. He explained that the  
45 Topnotch event fields provide adequate space to allow the flow of traffic and people, parking, and is  
46 conveniently located along the Rec Path.

47  
48 Chair Clymer swore in Tyler Mumley.  
49  
50 T. Mumley stated that the temporary bathrooms had to be repositioned out of the cemetery  
51 property line setback and the floodplain. He reported that there will be fences to screen the  
52 bathrooms.  
53  
54 Chair Clymer asked how many vendors they had last year.  
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56 J. Pacioni stated they had about forty vendors, but the number fluctuated depending on the time in  
57 the season. They would like to open more vendor spaces to give more local farmers and artists the  
58 opportunity to sell their goods.  
59  
60 H. Mallory stated that in previous years they had up to fifty vendors approved.  
61  
62 Chair Clymer asked if they have discussed the project with the Agency of Transportation  
63 (“VTrans”).  
64  
65 T. Mumley stated they have discussed the project with VTrans and asked in order e to move the  
66 project along, the DRB consider a condition of requiring the VTrans to sign off or obtain a permit.  
67  
68 T. Hand asked about the potential of water pollution from traffic on grass causing erosion, and for  
69 sediment to enter the waterway.  
70  
71 T. Mumley stated that they had not given that a lot of thought as there had been previous large  
72 events on the fields and it has not been a notable issue with past events.  
73  
74 J. Pacioni stated that vendors would be parked along the road, reducing some of the traffic on the  
75 grass.  
76  
77 Chair Clymer asked if there would be live music.  
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79 J. Pacioni stated that there would be live music from 11am to 3pm and that it would be lightly  
80 amplified.  
81  
82 Chair Clymer asked if the road was one or two cars wide.  
83  
84 J. Pacioni stated that the road is one car wide, but there are sections that are wider.  
85  
86 Chair Clymer asked how much parking was proposed for the site.  
87  
88 T. Mumley stated there would be enough parking for approximately 140 cars.  
89  
90 T. Hand recommended that they leave the location of the temporary bathrooms with some  
91 flexibility to move into the flood plain if they get the necessary state approval.  
92  
93 J. Pacioni stated that he would like to alter his plans with T. Hand’s suggestion.  
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95 T. Hand motioned for findings of fact to be drawn up in support of Project #7333.  
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97 M. Black seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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99 **Project #: 7329**

100 **Owner: SSB LLC**

101 **Tax Parcel #: 03-053.020**

102 **Location: 2393 Waterbury Rd**

103 **Project: Subdivide 3.69 Acres from the 16.4 Acre Parcel**

104 **Zoning: RR2/RR3**

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106 Chair Clymer swore in applicant Dean Salvas.

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108 D. Salvas introduced his planned subdivision, he explained the project first needs town approval  
109 and then state Act 250 approval.

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111 Chair Clymer asked why the property is regulated by Act 250.

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113 D. Salvas stated that it is under Act 250 because of their commercial business.

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115 W. Ardilino asked if the house would be visible from the road.

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117 D. Salvas stated that it would be visible from the road.

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119 T. Hand asked if the gate would be modified.

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121 D. Salvas stated that the gates are not locked so they do not need to be changed.

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123 D. Salvas stated that there would be a well and wastewater system installed to serve the future  
124 house that would eventually be constructed on the lot.

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126 T. Hand motioned for findings of fact to be drafted for the project.

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128 M. Black seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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130 **Other Business:**

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132 None.

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134 **Approval of Minutes:**

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136 A motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 2, 2024 was made by M. Black. The motion  
137 was seconded by D. Kelly and passed unanimously.

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139 At 5:51pm the meeting was adjourned.

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141 Respectfully Submitted,

142 Piper Van Kerkhove

143 Planning and Zoning Assistant



Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

March 6, 2024

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2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held March 6 at the Stowe Community Room starting at 5:00 P.M.

3 Members present: Forrest Shinnors, Julian Roscioli-Barren, Brett Loomis, Jared Anello, Lyn Goldsmith, Ryan Thibault, Dave Rogers, Matt Frazee. Absent: Lynn Altadonna, Audience: Carolyn Lawrence, Shap Smith

4 **5:00pm called to order. Agenda Approved**

5 **RT motioned to approve the minutes JA second**

6 Carylyn Lawrence from Stowe Trails Partnership attended to introduce herself and talk about what STP does. She emphasized the interests in mountain biking and said STP typically has 1200-1400 members annually. She said mountain biking grew 47% from 2018-20. She indicated STP would be interested in collaboration opportunities with Stowe Parks and Recreation and Matt offered to meet and discuss further.

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8 **Tennis/Pickleball Courts**

9 The group discussed that since the Memorial Park project was not moved forward at this time, how to keep the courts functioning in the near term. Asphalt overlay is an option but due to the subsurface conditions, there would be little guarantee as to how long the repairs would last. SportCourt surfacing is a module tile system and offers lower risk of injuries and can be repurposed for other uses if/when new courts are eventually developed. Discussed pursuing new construction behind Parks building but noted uncertainty of funding and permitting.

10 Brett motioned to make recommendation to the Selectboard to use the \$175,000 capital funds for tennis court replacement previously approved in 2017, to prep surface, install SportCourt surfacing, and replace fence. All in favor.

11 Forrest requested agenda item for April meeting to recommend that the courts be set up as 6 dedicated pickleball courts and no tennis courts.

12 **Quiet Path Bridge and Path Relocation**

13 Matt shared that the Quiet Path Bridge has been closed and is in the process of being removed due to no longer being structurally sound. The Quiet Path will also be re-routed to avoid river bank erosion and extended to a new bridge between Field E and D which is being constructed.

14

15 **Other business**

16 Matt shared a letter to the Selectboard from British Invasion requesting a 20% discount for fees for Large Event field rentals. The group expressed that they were asked by the Selectboard to evaluate the fees in 2020 and felt that the fees are appropriate. Fees were compared to Farr's field, Topnotch, Essex Tree

Farm, which were all more. It was expressed that the Recreation Commission was not in support of the 20% fee decrease.

- 17** Lyn expressed concern regarding people not picking up dog droppings on Mayo fields and the Quiet Path. She suggested more signage and fines. Matt said the Town has discussed an ambassador program for the Rec Path and that may be an avenue to pursue in addition to signage and that we can further explore signage and fines at the next meeting.
- 18** Ryan said there is someone interested in more figure skating times being offered at the arena. Matt said their figure skating programs have been growing and that ice time availability is limited. Matt encouraged Ryan to encourage the person to contact him to further discuss.
- 19** Matt will be out of work March 26-April 8 for surgery/recovery. Next RC meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**6:53 p Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Frazee



## Town of Stowe- Historic Preservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2024

A meeting of the Stowe Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) was held on Wednesday April 17, 2024, at approximately 5:15 pm.

Participation was in person at the Akeley Memorial Building, online or telephone via Zoom.

**Members Present:** McKee MacDonald, Sam Scofield, Shap Smith, George Bambara, Barbara Baraw, Jen Guazonni-Robbins, Tyson Bry, and Chris Carey (alternate)

**Staff Present:** Ryan Morrison

The meeting was called to order by McKee MacDonald (chair) at 5:15pm.

Project #: 7350

Owner: 109 Main LLC

Tax Parcel #: 7A-046.000

Location: 109 Main St

Project: Addition of a rain gutter along middle recessed entrance from Main Street

Zoning: VC10/SHOD

Tyler Mumley and Chris Carey (recused) presented the project. The project is to install a rain gutter along the middle, recessed entrance, to match the color of surrounding trim. Sam Scofield motioned to approve the project as presented, Shap Smith seconded. The motion carried. The project was approved as a minor.

Project #: 7351

Owner: 109 Main LLC

Tax Parcel #: 7A-046.000

Location: 109 Main St

Project: Addition of rain gutter and snow guards along rear roofs in the back of building

Zoning: VC10/SHOD

Tyler Mumley and Chris Carey (recused) presented the project. The project is to install rain gutters and snow guards along the rear roofs of the building. The gutters will match the color of surrounding trim. Sam Scofield motioned to approve the project as presented, Barbara Baraw seconded. The motion carried. The project was approved as a minor.

Project #: 7363

Owner: Stefan Grundmann & Katherine Pavelich

Tax Parcel #: 7A-170.000

Location: 11 Taber Hill Road

Project: Alter deck size, change garage roofing material to asphalt shingles, and add a fireplace exhaust vent

Zoning: VR20/SHOD

Sam Scofield recused himself to present the application. On the west elevation, the proposal is to alter the deck size and install a fireplace exhaust vent. The other aspect of the project is to change the previously approved standing seam garage roofing to asphalt shingle roofing. Shap Smith

motioned to approve the project as presented, George Bambara seconded. The motion carried. The project was approved as a minor.

**Other Business:**

**Review Meeting Minutes:**

No changes or edits were made to the prior meeting minutes. The May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be cancelled, as there is a conflicting special Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ryan Morrison, Deputy Zoning Administrator

## **Minutes: Stowe Electric Board of Commissioners' Meeting**

March 20, 2024, at 8:30 am at Town of Stowe Electric Department Conference Room with remote participation available via Zoom.

### **Present:**

BOARD MEMBERS: Larry Lackey, Chair; Sara Teachout, Vice-Chair and Mark Gilkey, Commissioner

STAFF: Jackie Pratt, General Manager, Brent Lilley, Director of Operations; Sarah Juzek, Director of Finance; Michael Lazorchak, Manager of Regulatory Compliance; P. Waugh, Business & Human Resources Manager; and Amber Ives, Clerk of the Board

**Call to Order:** L. Lackey called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

### **Agenda Approval:**

All were in favor of adopting the warned agenda.

### **Approval of February 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes:**

On a motion made by S. Teachout and seconded by M. Gilkey, the minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup> were approved.

### **Wilkins Substation Upgrade:**

J. Pratt informed the Board of Commissioners that in Summer of 2022, a \$4MM bond was issued for upgrade to Wilkins Substation to add a 10 MVA transformer and accompanying equipment to maintain the safety and reliability of Stowe Electric Department's (SED) distribution system. The Wilkins Substation Upgrade also provides infrastructure to support a new distribution "Express Circuit" at the Wilkins Substation to allow SED to feed existing loads along the Mountain Road from two directions, shift loads between existing circuits to the new circuit, and create redundancy for the emergency shelter and downtown center.

J. Pratt advised the Board of Commissioners that SED is considering two paths for the Express Circuit:

1. Along the existing right of way (ROW) for Morrisville Water & Light's existing 34.5 kV line.
2. Along River Rd toward Moscow Rd, and over Barrows Rd with the new circuit connecting to the existing service at the Mountain Rd and Luce Hill intersection.

J. Pratt alerted the Board of Commissioners that due to supply chain issues and lack of bids for concrete work, the completion date of the Wilkins Substation Upgrade has been pushed to 2026.

S. Juzek explained that the project delay has had an adverse impact on SED's debt ratio as the upgrade has not yet been added to SED's assets, while the \$4MM loan borrowed is a liability. S. Juzek explained the higher debt ratio could impact borrowing, and that SED could still borrow prior to project completion, but may require approval by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). S. Juzek informed the Board of Commissioners that the high debt ratio will be resolved once the project is complete, as SED will be able to add the upgrade as an asset.

L. Lackey verified with SED staff that the "Express Circuit" was encompassed in the language of the article that was voted on at Town Meeting, as the Voters approved the general obligation bond "for the purpose of acquiring, replacing or constructing municipal electric plant improvements, namely substation transformers and related equipment."

J. Pratt responded that SED staff felt comfortable that the "Express Circuit" is considered 'related equipment' to the Wilkins Substation upgrade, and in addition, SED staff provided testimony that any remaining funding from the bond would be spent on other Capital projects.

### **Capital Plan:**

J. Pratt advised the Board of Commissioners that the Capital Plan being presented was a rolling five-year plan highlighting the major projects that SED was trying to accomplish in the next five years to help improve distribution and resiliency.

S. Juzek discussed that SED plans to add \$26,969,000 in capital over the next 5 years through the Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO) equity purchase, and projects such as the Wilkins Substation upgrade, Express Circuit, replacement of primary underground, Lodge Substation upgrades, Smith's Falls Dam and Hydroelectric, Cady Hill storage facility and hardening the Mountain Line.

S. Juzek notified the Board of Commissioners that several outside funding opportunities have become available through organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP), Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), as well as various grant opportunities.

The Board of Commissioners and SED staff discussed the projects, funding, PUC rules and operating requirements, recommended debt measures, cash flow forecast, energy cost projections, and the restriction of Capital Funds.

L. Lackey verified that the projects presented in the Five-Year Capital Plan were also in alignment with SED's Integrated Resource Plan, and SED staff confirmed.

After thorough discourse, the Board of Commissioners stated that they were all in favor and supportive of the presented Five-Year Capital Plan.

### **General Manager Highlights:**

The Board of Commissioners and staff discussed the Renewable Energy Standard, staff performance reviews, commissioner stipends, The Alchemist charger, and SED's reliability indices.

J. Pratt notified the Board of Commissioners that P. Waugh passed the Society for Human Resources Management Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) test, and that this credential acknowledges an individual's level of expertise in general Human Resources matters and related duties at work.

### **Executive Session: Labor Relations Agreement**

At 10:14, S. Teachout moved to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss the Collective Bargaining agreement. M. Gilkey seconded the motion, and it was approved.

The Board of Commissioners invited P. Waugh to join the discussion along with themselves and J. Pratt.

At 11:27, S. Teachout motioned to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by M. Gilkey, and all were in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Amber Ives*

Amber Ives

Clerk of the Board





**Stowe Energy Committee  
March 28, 2024**

**Present via Zoom:**

Energy Committee Members: Catherine Crawley, Elizabeth Soper, Marina Meerburg, Cap Chenoweth, Robi Artman-Hodge, Julia Biedermann

Absent: Andrew Rianhard

**Attendees via Zoom:**

Assistant Town Manager Will Fricke, SED Regulatory Compliance Manager Michael Lazorchak

**Call to Order**

Energy Committee Chair Catherine Crawley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Review & Approve Minutes**

Robi Artman-Hodge moved to approve the February 22 minutes with a correction to the spelling of a person's name. Marina Meerburg seconded. All were in favor.

**Vermont Diesel Emissions Reduction Financial Assistance**

Catherine Crawley said that Leigh Martin from the state program was going to be here at this meeting, but Chris Jolly of the Town Public Works Department was not able to join, so it was best to postpone the topic until they were both able to attend. She said that Jolly expressed interest in exploring using the program to replace older diesel vehicles owned by the Town in FY26 or FY27. Robi Artman-Hodge asked if the Town has had bad experiences with grants in the past, saying that she has noticed a hesitancy from the Town to apply for grants. Will Fricke said it can be difficult to plan on using grants to pay for and prioritize certain projects because it is not a consistent or guaranteed funding stream. Elizabeth Soper said it would be worth the effort to find grant funding, noting that despite there being a lot of money in Stowe, there is not a lot of money for infrastructure projects. Fricke added that staff time

is an additional issue with respect to grants. Marina Meerburg asked if the Town has looked into financial assistance from the Lamoille County Planning Commission. Fricke noted that an LCPC grant is paying for the Town Plan consultant.

### **Municipal E-mowers**

The Energy Committee discussed the events of the March 13 Selectboard Meeting where potential modifications to the equipment fund were discussed regarding changing the purchase of an electric zero turn mower from a 72-inch model to a 60-inch model. Cap Chenoweth said it seems to him as if the Selectboard had gone backwards on the desire to switch to electric mowers, adding that some things asserted about electric mowers during the meeting were not accurate. Elizabeth Soper said that Stowe has found it difficult to make change with respect to sustainability. Catherine Crawley noted that the discussion was tabled until June and that there is still time to purchase them, and that the Parks and Recreation Director said he is willing to demo the new 72-inch electric model. Marina Meerburg said she understands the frustration, but they need to help the Selectboard see the benefits of electric mowers, and see how they can support them in trying it. Elizabeth Soper said that at some point she would like to have a bigger conversation around behavior and attitudes around sustainability in Stowe, noting that other communities like South Burlington are doing much more. Robi Artman-Hodge said that she isn't certain whether the issue is that people are unwilling to change with respect to sustainability, but that the issue may be that Stowe is either understaffed or over-tasked. She said that Norwich, as an example, had more staff for this work, and Stowe town staff are by comparison very stretched and overburdened. Marina Meerburg said that since taxes are already so high it puts pressure on the Town to not expand more than they need to. Catherine Crawley said that leadership or direction on adopting sustainable practices would need to come from the elected officials.

### **Town Building Energy Efficiency Improvements**

Cap Chenoweth summarized a meeting he attended along with Chris Jolly, Assistant Public Works Director, and an outside engineer assisting with planning for the HVAC project. He reviewed their discussion about the size and location of the unit, the merits of additional heat pumps, the location of the propane tank, energy usage of the theater lighting, and conducting a blower door test.

Catherine Crawley said that she will be in touch with the Stowe Theater Guild that the Energy Committee could assist with their grant application to replace the theater lighting. She noted that a match is required for the grant they are applying for. She also said that that MERP assessment for Akeley and the Ski Museum are scheduled for about mid-April and will keep the committee updated on that.

### **SEC-School Board Working Group Updates**

Catherine Crawley said that the new School Board member Nancy Gleason had expressed interest in working with the Stowe Energy Committee on obtaining grant funding for energy efficacy updates at the High School. Elizabeth Soper said that the previous member Alan Oulette was looking at funding for lighting in the gym. She added that these types of grants typically go to much larger school districts, and Lamoille South would likely need to jointly apply with Lamoille North to be eligible.

### **Organizational Updates**

Chair Crawley proposed that the next meeting be held as a hybrid meeting with the in-person component being at Akeley Memorial Room. She said it would be good to have certain discussions in person, such as their section in the upcoming Town Plan update.

Discussion was held around recruiting a new student member as Biedermann's term is ending soon.

Will Fricke said the Selectboard had expressed interest in switching Energy Committee terms from 1-year terms to staggered 3-year terms; when they are reappointed in April, two appointments each would be for terms ending in 2025, 2026, and 2027 respectively. He said that if anyone had reservations about extending their term past one additional year that they should email him, and he will recommend them for the term that ends in 2025. He said he would email them with the details, as one member is absent. The Committee can elect officers at their next meeting on April 25 if the Selectboard makes appointments on April 24.

### **Other Business**

Catherine Crawley said that she and Andrew Rianhard has been invited to a Stowe community stakeholder meeting on electric vehicle charging. It is a standing meeting monthly meeting where a bunch of different people from all over Stowe in different walks of life who have an interest or experience with electric cars and charging, are making an effort, with the help of the Stowe Electric Department and the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition, to try and figure out how to get more chargers in town. Michael Lazorchak said the primary focus is single family residential charging, and a secondary benefit is to engage commercial property owners to install chargers. He said they may use the working group to inform the Town Plan update. He said anyone can join, and it meets remotely.

Lazorchak said that SED is also part of a cohort run by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) that looks at how to make municipal buildings more resilient and finding opportunities for solar battery storage. One thing they are looking at is essentially creating a microgrid in the Memorial Park/Stowe Arena area. He said that NREL has a tool that they say can size up a building and select a suite of generation and battery storage assets to make that building self-sufficient. They are looking to prove out their model and have engaged with a cohort of municipalities to provide use cases.

The Energy Committee discussed the merits of using LiDAR over Stowe village at night and see if it could pick up the heat map of town buildings, suggesting that it could be a UVM project.

Robi Artman-Hodge asked if SED had chosen a site for the other EV charger. Lazorchak said that he just got word that day that the State will not fund another fast EV charger since there is already one in Stowe at the Alchemist, and they will need to wait for a different round of funding that comes from the federal government. He said they are looking at either replacing the fast charger or getting two level 2 chargers instead.

Lazorchak said that on April 16, SED is hosting a design charrette of students for adaptive reuse of the Seaver Sawmill. SED has a grant to help restore the building while they are installing the hydroelectric. It will be in the Akeley Building Theater.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, Chair Crawley adjourned the meeting at 6:42pm.