

## **Special Stowe Selectboard Liquor Commission & Water/Sewer Commission Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

**Akeley Memorial Building  
67 Main Street  
Stowe, Vermont**



**Selectboard Members Present:** Billy Adams, Paco Aumand, Jo Sabel Courtney, Nick Donza, Ethan Carlson

**In-Person Attendees:** Town Manager Charles Safford, Interim Selectboard Clerk Susan Moeck, Beth Gadbois, Courtney Percy

**Zoom Attendees:** Connect Stowe, Jill Boardman, Heather Snyder, Lisa Hagerty, Paul Sakash, Josi Kytle, Mila Lonetto, Terrie Wehse, Susan

### **Call to Order**

Selectboard Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Adams requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Donza moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Carlson seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

### **Consent Agenda (Items A-1 through A-2)**

1. January 22, 2025 Selectboard Minutes
2. Liquor Licenses – none to review

Ms. Sabel Courtney moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Donza seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

### **Adopt Annual Meeting Warnings**

Mr. Safford reviewed both the Floor Vote Warning and Australian Ballot Warning. He said he would use Front Porch Forum explaining the revote of the Stowe Electric Department article of general obligation notes. There was discussion on how to use the Informational Meeting for discussions and receive feedback on the capital projects in particular the Parker Barn and Memorial Park. Mr. Safford said further information regarding Town Meeting and the Informational meeting would be advertised.

Ms. Sabel Courtney moved to approve the 2025 Annual Meeting Warnings. Mr. Carlson seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

### **Letter to Governor and State Legislative Delegation Regarding Impact of Statewide Education Property Taxes**

The Board reviewed the second draft of the letter to the Governor and Legislative Delegation. Mr. Aumand stated he could not fully support the letter as written. He added the Selectboard needs to stay in their lane in terms of public policy advocacy. The Selectboard discussed the impact the State Education Fund property taxes are having in terms of homestead property owners supporting their homes and how it is holding back what the municipality can spend on its infrastructure. Edits to the draft were discussed and made with the main message being that the tax burden in Stowe is crushing the taxpayers.

Mr. Aumand moved to approve the Letter to the Governor as edited. Mr. Donza seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

### **Manager's Report**

Nothing new to report at this meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Carlson moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Ms. Sabel Courtney seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

The Selectboard entered executive session at 6:35pm. The Selectboard left executive session at 7:15pm.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

### **Notes**

Minutes submitted by Susan Moeck.

The Selectboard of the Town of Stowe meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm.

A recording of this public meeting is available at: <https://www.stowevt.gov/selectboard-packets>