

## **Agenda Summary**

### **March 26, 2025**

#### **Agenda Item B-2**

##### **Selectboard Priorities**

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**Summary:** This time has been set aside to discuss Selectboard priorities. For your reference, attached is a list of annual items the Selectboard must attend to and the list of open capital projects. In addition, below are some items that the Town is currently working on or the Selectboard has previously indicated they would like to further discuss during the year:

#### **Water and Sewer**

- Expansion of Village drinking water capacity and PFOA's mitigation.
- Lower Village Sewer Pump Station Replacement tentatively scheduled for 2028.
- Update of Stowe's Sewer Allocation Ordinance and development of a Stowe Water Allocation Ordinance.

#### **General Fund Capital and Equipment Funds**

- Capital project development and implementation. See enclosed list of open capital projects. The Town is actively working on advancing the Rec Path Reconstruction from Town Farm Lane to Cape Cod Road, Akeley HVAC System, Cemetery Road Bridge, and North Hollow Road Bridge that currently has a temporary bridge.
- Update of Stowe's Equipment Fund. If a vehicle can meet performance specifications, how much more the Town is willing to pay for hybrid and/or electric versus fossil fuel vehicles.

#### **Housing**

- The presentation of both the draft and final versions of the Housing Task Force Report and any priorities that may arise from its recommendations.

#### **Property Tax Burden**

- The property tax burden caused in large part by the State Education Fund. Reform efforts are underway in the Legislature. A meeting has been set for 4/9/25 to meet with Stowe's State Legislative Delegation.

#### **Planning & Zoning**

- The Town Plan update process which is currently scheduled for adoption in Fall 2026.
- Upon completion of the Town Plan, Planning is likely going to need to update Stowe's Zoning By-laws to conform to the updated Town Plan. Also, Planning staff will need to assist the Conservation Commission the Mayo Farm conservation easement renewal process.

### **Pedestrian Safety**

- The Selectboard previously discussed an agenda item to talk about crosswalks on Main Street in particular.

### **Annual Meeting**

- Discuss Annual Meeting if there are no binding articles to be voted on.

### **Staffing**

- Hire and onboard a new Police Chief and Fire & Rescue Chief.
- Planning & Zoning staffing pressure will increase if the Town increases growth management and land use regulations. If we do so, the Town will need to add additional planning and enforcement staff.
- In FY'27 the intent is to incorporate money for a building maintenance person to relieve our civil engineers of needing to perform less complicated facilities work. Also, Stowe Fire & Rescue recently merged and their human resource needs are still evolving.

It will be important for the Selectboard to take a lead role in the prioritization of resources and managing expectations while we build up staff levels as the budget permits to meet demand.

**Town Plan & Other Policy Impact:** N/A

**Fiscal & Staff Impact:** See above.

**Recommendation:** Discuss and advise.

**Town of Stowe  
Capital Projects**

Capital Fund		Adopted Year	Adopted Budget	Expenditures To Date	Status
Town Clock Rehabilitation	Building & Facilities	2024	95,000	38,151	WIP
Akeley Building HVAC Replacement	Building & Facilities	2025	485,000	5,000	Need to Rebid
Emergency Management Shelter Generator	Building & Facilities	2025	300,000	-	
PSB Communications System Enhancement	Information Technology	2024	175,000	126,929	Jun-25
Public Safety Communication Enhance Phase 2	Information Technology	2026	183,993	-	
Flood Damage 6.23.24	Public Works/Stormwater	General Fund 2024	500,000	-	On Hold FEMA
FEMA Stowe Hollow Storm 6.23.24	Public Works/Stormwater	FEMA		405,171	Complete/Claim in Process
FEMA North Hollow Bridge 6.23.24	Public Works/Stormwater	FEMA		279,621	
FEMA July Storm 7.10.24	Public Works/Stormwater	FEMA		1,653,334	Complete/Claim in Process
FHW July Storm 7.10.24 Barrows	Public Works/Stormwater	FHW		55,343	Complete/Claim in Process
HWY - BRIC - Gold Brook Scoping Study	Public Works/Stormwater	AOT		78,468	Complete/Claim in Process
HWY- FEMA - Weeks Hill Culvert 12.18.23	Public Works/Stormwater	FEMA		17,009	Complete/Claim in Process
<b>HWY- FHW - Moscow Road 12.18.23</b>	Public Works/Stormwater	FHW		25,636	Complete/Claim in Process
HWY- FEMA - Pinnacle Road 12.18.23	Public Works/Stormwater	FEMA		20,398	Complete/Claim in Process
HWY-AOT Nebraska Culvert	Public Works/Stormwater	AOT		1,760	
Cemetery Road Bridge Foundation Stabilization	Public Works/Stormwater	2021	95,000	-	Designed
Cemetery Road Bridge Reconstruction	Public Works/Stormwater	2026	425,000	-	Designed
Stowe Town Plan Community Engagement	Planning & Zoning	2024	35,000	-	WIP
House Needs Assessment	Planning & Zoning	2025	50,000	5,910	WIP
MRV Sidewalk Phase II	Public Works	2016	30,000	1,775	On Hold AOT
Nebraska Valley Bridge 51/Rhodes	Public Works	Surplus 2019	25,000	38,946	Town Match
Nebraska Valley Bridge 48 Preliminary Engineering	Public Works	2021	20,000	38,296	Town Match
Stormwater Permit - 3 Acre Rule Phase 1	Public Works	2021	40,000	37,695	
Depot Street Reconstruction - Phase 1	Public Works	2021	50,000	-	
Traffic Study Town of Stowe Arteries	Public Works	Surplus 2023	85,000	113,156	Complete-need final report
Streambank Stabilization-Rec Path Bridge 1	Public Works	2024	125,000	121,098	Complete-except plantings
Parker Barn Preliminary Design and Permitting	Public Works	2026	85,000	-	
Memorial Park Tennis Court	Parks & Recreation	2019	175,000	-	
Memorial Park/Rec Center - Design & Permitting	Parks & Recreation	2026	320,000	-	
Rec Path Reconstruction -Town Farm to Cape Cod	Parks & Recreation	2025	480,000	92	Jun-25
Moscow Playground Design & Permitting	Parks & Recreation	2026	75,000	-	
Recreation Path Bridges Structural Inspection & Assessments	Parks & Recreation	2026	75,000	-	
Cemetery Management Mapping & Records	Parks & Recreation	2026	30,000	-	
AMI Auto Meter Project	Wastewater	2019	100,000	67,101	
Depot St. Water Main replacement	Wastewater	2000	300,000	-	
Depot St Waterline Replacement	Wastewater	2025	200,000	-	
Telemetry System Upgrade	Wastewater	2022	152,500	145,612	
Village Green Building Repairs	Wastewater	2023	50,000	-	
TP-1 PLC Replacement	Wastewater	2023	30,000	30,000	
Water Main Replacement-AIG Water Storage Tank	Wastewater	2023	30,000	23,555	
Security Fence Enclosure	Wastewater	2023	45,000	13,401	
Village Green Water Plant Capacity Expansion	Wastewater	2023	95,000	34,467	
Water PFAS Phase 2	Wastewater	2024	250,000	42,082	
Generator-Lower Village P	Wastewater	2024	23,000	-	
Generator-Stowe Club Hydr	Wastewater	2024	23,000	-	
Generator-LV Tank Hydro	Wastewater	2024	24,000	-	
Nitrogen Generator - Village Green Fire Sprinkler	Wastewater	2024	25,000	-	
Edson Chemical Building PLC Upgrade	Wastewater	2025	50,000	48,230	
Water Resource Upgrade	Wastewater	2025	-	-	

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Capital Projects**

Capital Fund		Adopted Year	Adopted Budget	Expenditures To Date	Status
Water Utility Truck	Wastewater	2025	75,000	75,123	
Actuator Valve Rehab/Replace	Water	2018	50,000	55,736	
AMI Auto Meter Project	Water	2019	100,000	74,687	
Control Panel for SBR's	Water	2020	20,000	34,319	
Telemetry System Upgrade	Water	2022	45,000	39,727	
Mountain Rd Sewer Replacement	Water	2022	95,000	2,760	
Lower Village Sewer Pump Station Engineering Study	Water	2022	25,000	28,257	
Replacement of Thickener and Centerfudge Feed Pumps	Water	2023	80,000	72,950	
Eng Eval Treatment Plant	Water	2024	85,000	40,226	
Sludge Grinder Replace	Water	2024	120,000	-	
Sewer -Recpath Parking	Water	2024	50,000	90,360	
PFAS Plan - WWTP	Water	2024	50,000	-	
Pump Repl-Cake&Polyblend	Water	2024	40,000	30,557	
Pump Station Rehabilitations and Generator Controls	Water	2025	100,000	-	
Manhole Rehabilitations Sylvan Park Road	Water	2025	40,000	-	
Sewer Plant Driveway Paving	Water	2025	65,000	-	
Sludge Blend Tanks Rehabilitation	Water	2025	125,000	46,076	

## Annual Items Before Selectboard

Month	Item
July	Audit Contract
	Tax Rate
August	VLCT Town Fair Voting Delegate
September	Deputy Health Officer Appointment
	Halloween Road Closures
	Cash Management of Excess Funds
October	SED Line of Credit
	STR Registration Fees
	Preliminary Budget Discussions
	Budget Adoption Schedule
November	VAST/Snowmobile Club Trails
	Interfaith Holiday Display
December	Vail Season Preview
	Community Appropriations
	GF Budget Presentation
January	GF Budget Discussions
	GF Budget Hearing/Adoption
	Draft Annual Town Meeting Warnings
	Adopt Annual Town Meeting Warnings
	Highway Milage Certificate
	Health Officer Appointment
February	Burt Springs Tree Tapping Contract
	LRSWMD Representative
	Annual Town Meeting Informational Meeting
March	Election of Officers
	Designation of Newspaper for Warnings
	Audit Review
	Paving Program and Bid Authorization
	Vtrans Annual Highway Financial Plan
April	Paving Bid Award
	Boards and Commissions Interviews and Appointments
May	Local Emergency Management Plan Adoption
	Budget Status Report
	Selectboard Goal Setting
June	LC Sheriff Dispatching Contract
	W/S Budget Hearing/Adoption