

**Agenda Summary**  
**June 25, 2025**

**Agenda Item No. A-5**  
**Constable Appointment**

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**Summary:** The Stowe Town Charter requires the Selectboard to appoint a Constable. The Police Chief is traditionally appointed as the Constable for the Town of Stowe.

The Vermont Criminal Justice Council outlines the power of Constables under state and local law:

“All constables, whether Level II or Level III, first or second constable, appointed or elected, have powers specifically enumerated in 24 V.S.A. § 1936a (b). These include the power to:

- serve civil or criminal process (12 V.S.A. § 691)
- destroy animals (20 V.S.A. Chapter 193)
- kill injured deer (10 V.S.A. § 4749)
- assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties (18 V.S.A. § 617)
- serve as a district court officer (4 V.S.A. § 296)
- remove disorderly people from town meeting (17 V.S.A. § 2659)
- and collect taxes when no tax collector is elected (24 V.S.A. § 1529).

Any additional authority constables have is determined by the municipality they serve.”

<https://vcjc.vermont.gov/resources/constable>

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

**Fiscal & HR Impact:** N/A

**Recommendation:** Move to appoint Chief of Police Brooke O’Steen as Constable for the Town of Stowe.