

Agenda Summary
November 20, 2025

Agenda Item No. A-7
LCPC Letter of Support for Multiuse Path

Summary: The Lamoille County Planning Commission asked for a letter of support for their Recreational Trails Program grant application for the planning of a multiuse path between the towns of Stowe and Morristown.

Due to the deadline being before the 11/20 Selectboard meeting, the Town Manager provided it subject to ratification at your meeting. Please see the enclosed letter of support as drafted by LCPC.

Town Plan & Policy Impact:

11. The Town will continue to support opportunities for trail-based recreation, including the development of mountain biking and cross country skiing, to enhance Stowe's position as a four season recreation destination.

Fiscal & Staff Impact: No cost to the municipality or municipal staff time required at this time.

Recommendation: Move to ratify the letter of support for LCPC's Recreational Trails Program grant application for the planning of a multiuse path between the towns of Stowe and Morristown.



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Lauren Pyle
Outdoor Recreation Grants Manager
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November 19, 2025

Dear Lauren Pyle,

The Town of Stowe is pleased to support the Lamoille County Planning Commission's Recreational Trails Program grant application for the planning of a multiuse path between the towns of Stowe and Morrystown.

This project would connect two of the largest recreational commodities in Lamoille County, the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail in Morrystown and the Stowe bike path in Stowe. In the current conditions, VT Route 100 between Morrystown and Stowe is considered unsafe to many for bike/pedestrian traffic. The connection between the towns would serve as safe and accessible transportation for bike and pedestrian traffic. Providing safe travel for all types of transportation is outlined in our Town Plan and the Lamoille County Regional plan. This planning effort would help the town and the region make progress towards that goal.

Public transit is limited in Lamoille County, so providing safe options for transit to our residents and visitors is crucial. A past study was done in 2015 where a full-length connection was discussed. We are hopeful that this new study would identify and explore ideas that were not considered in 2015 like segmenting the trail to allow for gravel bike connection off of town roads and staying in the town or state rights of ways to avoid landowner complications. The success of a shared use path between the towns could provide additional access for the workforce commute, tourism, and recreation as a whole.

Sincerely,

Charles Safford
Stowe Town Manager