

Agenda Summary
December 4, 2025

Agenda Item No. A-7

Cultural Campus Little Free Library Boxes

Summary: Please find a memo enclosed from Stowe Free Library Director Loren Polk where she outlines a request to install two *Little Free Libraries* at the back entrance of the library.

Town Plan & Policy Impact: Aligns with Arts & Culture task, *Support the Stowe Free Library's vision of being a vibrant community center and a portal to knowledge, opportunity, and diverse resources by continuing to invest in a well trained staff, a relevant collection, and a functional and beautiful building.*

Fiscal and HR Impact: No cost to the Town. Project is to be funded and installed by donations and volunteers. Friends of Stowe Free Library will stock and maintain the boxes.

Recommendation: Move to approve the placement of the little free library boxes as requested in the enclosed materials with the understanding that the Town through its Selectboard reserves the right to relocate or remove them at the Selectboard's sole discretion.

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November 26, 2025

To the Members of the Selectboard,

I am writing to inform the Board of the upcoming installation of two *Little Free Libraries* at the back entrance (Park Street entrance) of the Stowe Free Library. These small, weather-protected book-exchange boxes will expand our outreach efforts by providing 24/7 access to free reading materials for community members.

The libraries will be stocked and maintained by Friends of Stowe Free Library, who will ensure they remain tidy, safe, and offer diverse collections. They are designed to encourage literacy, community engagement, and the sharing of books among residents of all ages. Friends of SFL will offer a QR code for easy payment or donation to support programming and collections at the library, and will offer this service instead of the indoor book sale near the circulation desk, making room for expanded library collections and supporting staff time at the circulation desk.

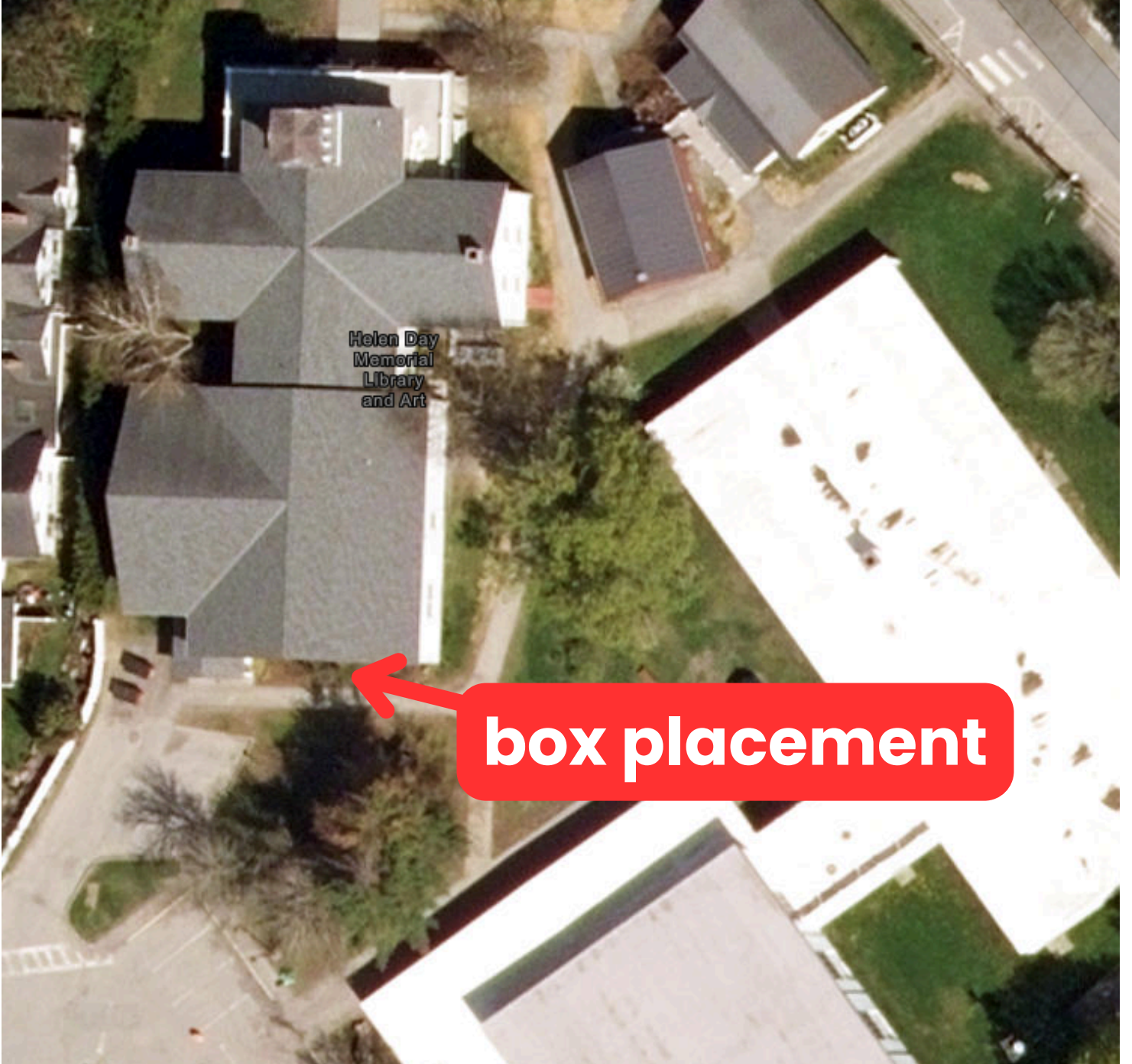
Installation will be scheduled for December 2026, and the units will be positioned so as not to obstruct walkways, emergency access, or maintenance areas. As this placement does not affect the historic preservation of the building or the HDAC lease, no additional permits are required.

This letter serves as formal notification of the project. If the Board has any questions or would like additional information about the installation or maintenance plan, I would be happy to provide it.

Thank you for your continued support of the library and its mission to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Loren Polk
Stowe Free Library Director



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