Agenda Summary
October 21, 2026

Agenda Item No. A-3
Parking in front of SAA for Mountain Road Shuttle Preview Day

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Summary: Stowe Area Association and Rural Community Transit are planning a *Mountain Road Shuttle Preview Day* on Friday, October 23, which would include a short reception at SAA's offices at 51 Main St. SAA is requesting permission to temporarily cone off the 2 parking spaces in front of their offices so as to allow the shuttle to park there for the duration of the event, which would be for 30 minutes, approximately 1pm to 1:30pm. The spots would be coned off prior to the event to allow them to clear out for the bus.

Town Plan & Policy Impact: Various Town Plan goals and policies to encourage utilization of the Mountain Road Shuttle to reduce traffic impacts from the resort during peak winter times.

Fiscal and HR Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to approve temporarily blocking off the two parking spaces at 51 Main Street from 1pm to 1:30pm, with the understanding that cones will be placed reasonably ahead of the event.

Will Fricke

To: Charles Safford
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Mtn Road Shuttle

From: Greg Farnham
Sent: Monday, 21 September 2026 16:32:22
To: Charles Safford <csafford@stowevt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Mtn Road Shuttle

Hi Charles,

Thanks for reaching out. Here's more detail on a winter shuttle launch party we discussed with our new friends at RCT.

We are contemplating a short reception here at the Visitor's Center on October 23 at 1pm. We would invite SAA members to meet the RCT team, hear about the plan for the season, and learn about the advertising opportunities onboard the buses. We would then board a bus as a group and make our way up the mountain road, stopping at 3 - 4 participating businesses (with space for the bus to park off the road) to showcase the new buses, advertising opportunities, and distribute giveaways. We would make a final stop at SMR and then head back here.

We would park the bus on Main St. for about 30 minutes while presenting, and then we'd head out.

Does this seem doable? Any feedback you have would be appreciated.

Best,

Greg

On Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 1:58 PM Charles Safford <csafford@stowevt.gov> wrote:

> HI Greg,
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> Per our earlier conversation regarding potentially parking the Mountain Road Shuttle in a visible location to promote it, I like they you are thinking of ways to do so and would be interested in talking about it further with the understanding that any approval of it on public property or the right-of-way would require Selectboard approval.
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> The one challenge I can see is the bus would need to be in use when visitors are in Stowe. Also, once snow sets in we do not allow vehicles to be parked in our municipal parking lots overnight by ordinance during the winter because we would have to plow around it. Also, if it is in municipal parking spaces they are also limited in the time they can be parked in a particular location by ordinance.

One thought is to park it up at Stowe Mountain Resort's parking lot prior to the season and/or potentially Spruce Peak. Charles



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