

Stowe Selectboard
Housing Task Force – Second Phase
Adopted July 16, 2025

Purpose: To advise the Selectboard regarding prioritization and implementation of the Housing Task Force Report, to draft policies and guidelines for the use of potential municipal housing funds, and to determine the future role, if any, of a future standing committee related to housing.

Tasks:

1. Advise the Selectboard on how to advance the Housing Task Force Report recommendations through the creation of a Housing Strategic Implementation Plan.
2. Create and/or compile metrics and data in order to track the advancement of strategies from the Housing Task Force Report.
3. Draft policies with guidelines regarding eligibility requirements for the use of potential municipal housing funds. All policies must be adopted by the Selectboard.
4. Develop a program with a third-party housing trust(s), subject to Selectboard approval, to administer a deed restriction program and potentially other initiatives to advance perpetually affordable housing.
5. Assist with the Housing section of the Town Plan as may be requested by the Planning Commission and/or Planning & Zoning Director.
6. Advise the Selectboard on the role, if any, of a future standing committee related to housing.

Housing Task Force: The Housing Task Force shall consist of seven residents, business or non-profit representatives, or taxpayers of Stowe appointed by the Selectboard. The HTF shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair, whose role is to facilitate discussion and help set agendas for meetings. The Chair shall submit a quarterly report to the Selectboard.

The Planning Commission may appoint a non-voting ex-officio member of the Task Force, subject to approval by the Selectboard. The Town Manager shall be a non-voting ex-officio member.

The Task Force shall be required to follow Stowe's Ethics Policy, Vermont's Open Meeting Law, and any other applicable polices and laws in the course of their work.

Expenditures: The Selectboard may allocate funds to support the creation of the Housing Strategic Implementation Plan. Any expenditures must be approved by the Selectboard and administered by the municipal employee in accordance with Stowe's Purchasing Policy.

Timeline: The Housing Task Force second phase shall submit the Housing Strategic Implementation Plan to the Selectboard by December 10, 2025.

The Housing Task Force second phase shall sunset on June 30, 2026, and is subject to an extension by the Selectboard at that time.