

Stowe Housing Task Force

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Akeley Memorial Building
67 Main Street
Stowe, Vermont



Housing Task Force Members: Walter Frame, Ken Braverman, Scott Coggins, Josi Kytle, Stefan Grundmann, Town Manager Charles Safford (Ex-officio), Mila Lonetto (Ex-officio)

Absent: MacKee Macdonald, Sarah Henshaw

Attendees: Dom Cloud, Beth Gadbois, Jo Sabel Courtney, Heather Snyder, Lisa Hagerty

Call to Order

Vice Chair Frame called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Approve Agenda

Ken Braverman moved to approve the agenda and minutes. Stefan Grundmann seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Guest Speaker – Dom Cloud, St Albans City Manager

The Housing Task Force discussed with Dom Cloud community investment strategies used in St. Albans, including public-private partnerships and tax increment financing (TIF) districts, to attract private sector investment and fund public improvements. The conversation also touched on challenges in implementing these strategies, including the need for community support, expert consultation, and creative funding solutions for housing and infrastructure development.

Staff Report / Next Meeting Agenda

Mr. Safford said representatives from Middlebury will be at the next meeting.

Mila Lonetto said she had discussed with Ann Watson the potential of shifting some of the 3% STR sales tax to the Town to use for housing. Scott Coggins said if STR are causing housing issues they could also help fund a program to create long term housing for permanent residents. Charles Safford said the senators are scheduled for the April 9 Selectboard meeting and there could be an opportunity to discuss it. Josi Kytle said a question is how Stowe creates partnerships and uses its big businesses better.

Public to be Heard Non-Binding

No public comment.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Frame adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.

Notes

Minutes submitted by Will Fricke.

The Stowe Housing Task Force meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00am.

A recording of this public meeting is available at: <https://www.stowevt.gov/HTF>