

Stowe Housing Task Force

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Akeley Memorial Building
67 Main Street
Stowe, Vermont



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

Attendees: Assistant Town Manager Will Fricke, Jeff Sauser, Sarabrent McCoy, Nels Nelson, Jennifer Goldson, Austin Smith

Call to Order

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

Approve Agenda and Minutes

Sarah Henshaw moved to approve the agenda and minutes. Josie Kytte seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Consultant Discussion

The Task Force discussed the merits of a community charette in context feedback from town plan community meetings and feedback received on housing during those meetings. They also discussed state mandated affordable housing requirements, and how meetings can be used to make the case to the community why this is being done.

Representative of CommunityScale were in attendance to answer followup questions from the Task Force. They were informed that they were the preferred consultant of the Task Force. They discussed their proposal, flexibility and plan going forward. The Task Force emphasized the community outreach work already done with respect to the town plan update, and noted they wanted to avoid duplicating efforts and focus on things that would be mutually beneficial. It was noted that the Town wants a deeper understanding of the costs and benefits of certain tools like impact fees and inclusionary zoning.

Walter Frame moved to recommend CommunityScale to the Selectboard as the housing consultant, dependent on the terms and conditions of the contract being acceptable. Josi Kytte seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Selectboard Quarterly Update and Town Report Submission

The Task Force determined the upcoming Selectboard Quarterly Update would summarize the minutes, and the Town Report Submission would combine the two quarterly updates.

Staff Report / Next Meeting Agenda

The Task Force discussed their upcoming meeting schedule as their next meeting is scheduled for New Years Day. They decided to meet on January 8 at 11am to discuss a summary of what has gone on so far and the most-discussed suggestions, and to meet on January 29 at 9am to have their kickoff meeting with the consultant.

Public to be Heard Non-Binding

No public comment.

Adjournment

Chair Macdonald adjourned the meeting at 10:21am.

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>