

Stowe Housing Task Force

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Akeley Memorial Building
67 Main Street
Stowe, Vermont



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

Absent: Sarah Henshaw

Attendees: Sarah McShane, Will Fricke, Jeff Sauser, Beth Gadbois, Alison Karosas

Call to Order

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

Approve Agenda

Josi Kytle moved to approve the agenda and minutes. Scott Coggins seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Housing Consultant Key Findings, Initial Draft Recommendations, Social Media Topics

Jeff Sauser of CommunityScale presented an updated draft of their key findings with input from the March 19 meeting incorporated. The Housing Task Force gave additional feedback on the slides presented.

The Task Force discussed the progress of the housing task force report, the need for a sustainable community in Stowe, and the challenges of housing and workforce retention in the town. The Task Force also discussed various strategies for housing development, potential revenue sources for affordable housing initiatives, and the need for increased staff capacity to manage development projects. They also discussed the importance of setting a target for the housing fund, the potential impact of short-term rentals on the town's housing stock, and the need for a more nuanced approach to affordable housing issues.

Staff Report / Next Meeting Agenda

The next Task Force meeting will be focused on planning for the May 6 community workshop.

Public to be Heard Non-Binding

No public comment.

Adjournment

Chair Macdonald adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.

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>