



TOWN OF STOWE PLANNING COMMISSION Meeting Minutes February 17, 2025

The Town of Stowe Planning Commission held a regular meeting on **Monday February 17, 2025**, starting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Stowe Town Office with remote participation via Zoom. Voting members present included Mila Lonetto, Bob Davison, Jill Anne, and Heather Snyder. Non-voting members present included Jeff Sereni and Hannah Mitrani. Excused absences included Brian Hamor and John Muldoon. Neil Percy was also absent. Municipal staff Sarah McShane was present. Guests Beth Gadbois and Jo Sabel Courtney attended in person. Guest consultant Rebecca Stone and Terrie Wehse attending via Zoom.

Following technical equipment, video, and audio challenges, the meeting began at approximately 5:38 pm. Staff explained that Chair B.Hamor had a planned absence and Vice Chair N.Percy was not in attendance. She identified M.Lonetto, B.Davison, J.Anne, and H.Snyder as the necessary members to constitute a quorum and hold a meeting.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, staff suggested for participating members elect a temporary Chair to facilitate and carry-out the business of the meeting. On a motion by H.Snyder, seconded by J.Anne, M.Lonetto was nominated to serve as Acting Chair to facilitate discussion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voting members. M.Lonetto served as Acting Temporary Chair.

Called to Order

M.Lonetto called the meeting to order and congratulated H.Snyder in her recent appointment as a voting member and H.Mitrani as a non-voting member.

Adjustments to the Agenda & Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments. H.Snyder motioned to adjust the agenda to table agenda item #5 to the next regular meeting when the full membership of the Commission can attend and participate in the discussion. J.Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voting members.

Technical equipment, video, and audio challenges continued.

Review Prior Meeting Minutes [2/3/2025]

J.Anne motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 2/3/2025. H.Snyder seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voting members.

Review Draft Vision & Finalize Plans for Town Meeting Day

M.Lonetto introduced the main discussion item. S.McShane explained that consultant R.Stone will provide a presentation of the identified values/vision and hopefully by the end of the meeting, the Commission can decide and finalize plans for Town Meeting Day. R.Stone provided a presentation, an overview of the engagement activities, and the process for preparing the draft vision/values statement. She explained that the engagement activities generated more than 7,000 comments and how the content can be further filtered throughout the planning process. She explained the identified values, assets, needs, challenges, etc. and described the planned poster session for Town Meeting Day – each poster identifying community values and action items gathered throughout the engagement activities.

Members discussed how the vision/values might be applied in future decision-making. Members viewed a vision scoreboard. Members viewed example posters that could be designed and utilized at Town Meeting Day. R.Stone explained that each poster would contain an overarching value theme and be populated with received public comments under each theme. Participants could place a sticker or checkmark by the actions/values/visions they support. Members discussed how to review the content, timing of Town Meeting and regular PC meetings, meeting spaces, etc. Members agreed with the overall approach and with the identified values/vision themes, however following discussion, the Commission did not feel comfortable going forward with plans for Town Meeting Day without first reviewing the content of the posters. Members decided to host an individual event in mud season, details to be discussed and decided at an upcoming meeting. Staff will review the meeting calendar and suggest a few alternative meeting dates.

Review Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next regular PC meeting date- March 17, 2025.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McShane, Planning & Zoning

Parking Lot Ideas/Topics for Further Discussion

Map of town-owned properties (done)
Review plans of adjacent communities and regional plan
~~Review zoning districts, purposes, overlay districts~~
Develop map showing residential development activity (in progress)
Develop map showing location of homestead properties
Review requested zoning amendment/ADU's for duplexes.
Stormwater Utility District – Bob's list of recommendations
Joint meeting with the DRB & Selectboard (?)
Schedule joint meeting with Energy Committee