

Stowe Recreation Commission Meeting

Stowe Arena – Community Room

December 3, 2025 – 5:00 PM

1. Call to Order by Chair 5:08pm

Members present: Ryan Thibeault, Lyn Goldsmith, Bill Scudder, Jennifer Gryckiewicz, Marie Kingsbury.

Staff Present: Matt Frazee

Guest: Jessica Bickford, Lamoille Family Center

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda as written passed.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Reviewed minutes from the 11/14 meeting.

- One correction noted (spelling of attendee's name).

- Motion to approve minutes as written passed.

4. Presentation: Lamoille Valley / Lamoille Family Center

- Jessica attended on behalf of colleague Allison Lee (out recovering from a concussion).

- Overview of Lamoille Valley's role in substance prevention and community outreach.

- Shared updated Coaching Toolkit and prevention materials.

- Discussed signage, cigarette receptacles, and staff training support.

- Reviewed local youth substance-use trends and concerns.

- Explained funding sources including Drug Free Communities grant, VT Department of Health, and private foundations.

- Emphasized partnership with schools and opportunities for parent engagement.

- Offered ongoing support and resources to the commission.

5. Summer Camp 2026 Program Proposal

- Reviewed regional pricing comparisons; current program remains the least expensive option.

- Proposal to reduce program from 8 weeks to 7 due to school calendar changes and staffing constraints.

- Kickoff and wrap-up weeks will remain, with third-party programming.

- Discussed staffing wage increases needed to remain competitive.

- Reviewed cost increases for transportation, facilities, and field trips.

- Proposed refund policy update to reduce last-minute cancellations and financial loss.

- Commission voted to support the proposal and recommended forwarding to the Selectboard.

6. Other Business

- Selectboard approved permanent dog-related signage and the hammock garden.
- Discussion of materials and installation timing (likely spring due to frozen ground).
- Brief discussion about signage consistency and maintenance.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 6:05pm