Stowe Selectboard
Liquor Commission & Water/Sewer Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2026
5:30pm

Stowe Town Hall – Akeley Soldiers Memorial Building
67 Main Street
Stowe, Vermont

Selectboard Members: Ethan Carlson, Beth Gadbois, Paco Aumand, Jo Sabel Courtney, Nick Donza

Staff: Town Manager Charles Safford, Assistant Town Manager Will Fricke, Town Attorney David Rugh

Public: Josi Kytle, Mila Lonetto, Heather Snyder, Jeff Sereni, Jeff Jackson, Sheri Baraw Smith, Angela Mowbray, Barb Puddicombe, Tyler Wren, Marina Meerburg, Wendy Jacobson, Walter Frame, Peter Schmeeckle, Betsy Sherman, Allison Korosas, Lyn Goldsmith, Paul Sakash, and 5 others (23)

Zoom: Lynn Altadonna, Barbara Baraw, Elizabeth Walter, Karen Cleaves, Missy Merrell Burgess, Christiana Serlé, Ken Landy, Alison Leschen, Blake Blundell, Amy Ferguson, Teresa Merelman, Pete Kelly, Courtney Percy, Mary Skelton Altadonna, Alisa Loiselle, Leslie Adams, Tony Genovese, Kelly Shaw, Dave Summers, George Bambara, Wendy Lucia, Linda Giudice, Raymond Loughlin, Robert Bleimeister, Ben Moss, Grant Wieler, Jason Krupsky, Vicki Garfinkel, Shilling Mcgee, Theresa Page, Bobby Roberts, Niall Brennan, John Conway, McKee Macdonald, Willie Noyes, Becca Blundell, Walter Pearce, Cheryl Vince, Fotis Barlos, Beverly Bishop, Rich Scott, Heather Hale, Ashley Correia, Brian Wiese, Deb Drinkwater, Tif Donza, Molly Frame, Jeff Thompson, Christine Burych, and 29 others (78)

Call to Order
Chair Ethan Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approval of the Agenda
Ms. Sabel Courtney moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Gadbois seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Consent Agenda (Items A-1 through A-5)

1. July 16, 2026 Selectboard Minutes
2. Blackbear Run Stormwater Agreement
3. Stowe Vibrancy Letter of Attestation
4. Special Event Application – Race to the Top of Vermont
5. Liquor Licenses

Mr. Aumand moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Gadbois seconded. Motion carried (5–0).

Short-Term Rental Ordinance Public Hearing (Item B-1)
Chair Carlson and Vice Chair Gadbois read aloud the ordinance in full.

Chair Carlson opened the public hearing at 6:05pm.

Members of the public speaking included Walter Frame, Alision Leschen, Mark Vendenberg, Niall Brennan, Betsy Sherman, Rob Bleimeister, Nelson Riley, Peter Riley, Peter Wren, Peter Wren, Marina Meerburg, Josi Kytle, Alisia Loiselle, Rob Levy, Blake Blundell, Peter Schmeeckle, Leslie Adams, Sheri Baraw Smith, John Legalis, Jeff Herrmann, and Mila Lonetto.

There being no further public comment, Ms. Sabel Courtney moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Gadbois seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

The public hearing closed at 7:10pm.

Ms. Gadbois moved to adopt the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Ms. Sabel Courtney seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Aumand requested that a discussion of trackable metrics related to STRs be placed on a future agenda.

Manager's Report (Item C-1)
Mr. Safford said the new playground at Moscow Fields is open for public use.

Mr. Safford said the Town is currently recruiting for a Technology Manager and an Assistant Planning & Zoning Director.

Mr. Safford said there will be a final Mayo Farm listening session on July 27.

Mr. Safford provided June FY26 financials but noted they are not audited yet. Mr. Aumand said it looks like there is a large surplus. Mr. Safford said there is a potential substantive anticipated surplus that would be available for future reallocation following the FY26 audit.

The Selectboard discussed their future schedule for Town Plan work sessions.

Ms. Sabel Courtney moved to hold a Town Plan work session at the regular Selectboard meeting on Wednesday 8/12 and a special meeting with the Planning Commission on Monday 8/17. Ms. Gadbois seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Safford said a culvert on Moss Glen Falls Rd is stressed and the road has been reduced to one lane as public works evaluates options with regards to the structure.

Mr. Safford said a Fire Chief from Austria visited and is interested in developing a sister city relationship.

The Selectboard discussed holding an event commemorating the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Public to be Heard - Non-Binding (Item C-2)
Pete Kelly asked if there is a cutoff for STR registrations. Mr. Fricke said the last day this year will be September 14th. Mr. Safford added that the ordinance goes into effect immediately per Stowe's charter.

Ken Landy asked when the Selectboard would be making determinations with regards to exemptions for Mountainside and Village Green. Mr. Safford said parties should submit a letter to staff demonstrating they meeting the criteria in the ordinance with proper documentation.

Josi Kytle asked about the surplus and asked if some can be diverted to the Housing Reserve Fund. Mr. Safford said it cannot be utilized until it has been audited and next year's budget is adopted, so it is essentially a two-year waiting period.

Adjournment
The Selectboard adjourned at 7:32pm.

Notes
Minutes submitted by Will Fricke.
The Stowe Selectboard meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm.
A recording of this public meeting is available at: https://www.stowevt.gov/Government/Selectboard