

**TOWN OF STOWE  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2024**

**The Stowe Parks and Recreation Committee Board met Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at the Stowe Arena starting at 5:00 pm.**

**Members present: Lyn Goldsmith, Bill Scudder, Matt Frazee, Jared Anello, Deb Drinkwater, Forrest Shinnars. Guest present: Sarah McShane, Town of Stowe Planning and Zoning Administrator**

**5:00 pm called to order. Agenda Approved. June meeting minutes approved as amended.**

**TOWN PLAN DISCUSSION**

Sarah McShane appeared before the Recreation Commission on behalf of the Planning Commission to provide a Town Plan update. She provided an overview of the Town Plan, including its 8-year life span, which was last approved in 2018 and will expire in 2026. She explained that the Planning Commission is tasked with developing the plan and is doing outreach to establish a new vision that reflects the goals and core values of the community.

The Town Plan will:

- Be a guide to the growth of Stowe and direct the Selectboard when making decisions
- Deal with changes in the community, inform growth and core values
- Reimagine the future for the Town of Stowe
- Be used a basis for subdivisions/zoning
- Be developed with themes of Sense of Place and Sense of Community
- Encompass Statutory Topics and reflect policies that are the Town's stance on any given matter
- Reflect the community's #1 Wish for Stowe
  - Index cards asking this question are being distributed around Town and collected for review
- Use data is from the 2020 Census
  - The 2018 Town Plan included data from the 2010 Census

For the Recreation Commission, the committee should provide feedback on items for inclusion in The Town Plan that the Selectboard can draw upon when determining how best to support/allocate Recreational resources including:

- Town-owned Rec facilities

- Memorial Park Plan
- Mayo Farm Lease
  - The lease will auto-renew if no action

**TOWN PLAN ACTION STEPS FOR THE REC COMMISSION:**

- **The Rec Commission should include input on the Town Plan and provide feedback and language it would like included.**
- **Should be an agenda item at every meeting between now and the end of the year**
- **Get the Town Plan in a Google Doc or similar so that the committee can easily suggest edit**
- **Designate an RC member to attend PC meetings about the Town Plan**
- **End of Year Deadline:**
  - **a joint meeting will be set by the end of the year with the Planning Commission**

**DOG POOP SIGNS ON REC PATH**

Lyn's plan was altered by the Selectboard and approved only for temporary, trial-basis signage.

Develop art project with summer camp kids to create signs

MF talking with Will Fricke to understand the parameters of the SB's decision and how to implement

Questions about how to measure whether temporary signs are working

Preference is for permanent signs

**REC PATH SAFETY DISCUSSION**

Lucinda McKechnie's Letter to Charles Safford was forwarded to the committee and discussed.

There is no need for additional signage regarding speed or permitted use because there are existing speed warning signs and use signage regarding no motorized skateboards or scooters.

**REC PATH SAFETY ACTION STEPS FOR REC COMMISSION:**

- **Use paint on the rec path to add more language about speed and proper use instead of signage**
  - **MF to update at the next meeting with manpower to do this**
  - **The committee can discuss verbiage and location**

- **Inventory existing signage to determine if more are needed or if placement could be in more prominent locations**
- **The Recreation Commission recommends the Ambassador Program proposed by the Fire Chief instead of increased signage.**
  - **Rail Trail Model**
  - **MF will discuss this with Town/Fire Department**

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th,  
at 5:00pm AT STOWE ARENA**