

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 2012

Number of Permits	Type of Construction	Construction Value
10	Single Family Dwellings	\$3,975,272.00
84	Remodeling and Additions	\$2,949,149.00
78	Strip and Re-roof, Re-siding & Windows	\$972,801.00
3	Swimming Pools	\$149,300.00
12	Commercial/Industrial	\$183,400.00
5	Foundations	\$120,000.00
10	Outbuildings	\$114,774.00
6	Temporary Tents	N/A
19	Wood/Pellet Stoves	\$65,845.00
10	Demolition Permits	\$40,850.00
1	Fence	\$3,500.00
7	Solar	\$257,912.00
7	Sheet Metal	\$103,000.00
252	TOTALS	\$8,935,803.00

TOTAL PERMITS/CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN 2012

Number of Permits/Certificates	Fees Collected
252 Building Permits	\$47,961.00
190 Electrical Permits	\$11,655.00
123 Plumbing Permits	\$7,700.00
108 Gas Permits	\$4,830.00
7 Sheet Metal Permits	\$70.00
35 Sign/Banner Permits	\$1,172.00
14 Annual Certificates	\$480.00
10 Trench Permits	\$300.00
732 TOTAL	\$74,098.00

CABLE LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable License Advisory Committee (CLAC) assists the Stow Board of Selectmen with awarding the license a cable company requires from the town in order to provide cable television service to its residents. It also works to assure that the terms of the license are being followed.

Stow's first cable license was awarded to Adams Russell in 1986 and was last renewed in 2012 for ten years. Adams Russell provided Stow video cable service under this license for many years, and then sold its license to Cablevision, which sold it to AT&T. Today, Comcast holds that license.

The Selectmen signed a 15-year cable license with Verizon on June 24, 2008. Verizon has provided fiber optic cable to most parts of the Town and currently offers full video cable service, along with high-speed Internet service and digital telephone service to those parts of town serviced by overhead wiring. Service is gradually being extended to neighborhoods with underground wiring.

The contract with Comcast was renewed for ten years on October 23, 2012. The Cable License Advisory Committee joined forces with the Local Access Channel Advisory Committee (LACAC) to guide renegotiation of the town's cable contract with Comcast. LACAC engaged Attorney and Cable Specialist Bill August to help with the process. The new 10-year contract provides for gradually increasing Stow TV funding and a one-time stipend for equipment. It allows for Stow TV to have two programmable Comcast channels, and regulates many issues involving cable service to the Town.

Both Comcast and Verizon offer many options within their video service packages. They provide Stow's local access channel (Stow TV) on Comcast channel 9 and on Verizon channel 32. In addition, Verizon provides Stow with a second channel (33), which carries repeats of government meetings more frequently. Under the new contract, Comcast will also soon provide a second channel, probably channel 8, which will also feature government shows.

Both licenses provide for a percentage of Comcast's and Verizon's income from Stow subscribers to be returned to the Town in order to support Stow TV operation. The Cable Committee ensures that all the terms of the license are being met and that all license payments are being made at the time specified by the license.

Comcast and Verizon broadband Internet and the digital telephone service provided are carried by the same cable each uses to provide Stow residents with video service. But only the video service requires a Stow license (and provides Stow with operational funds) since the Internet and telephone services are considered a 'data' service and are regulated by the State, not by Stow.

The Stow Cable License Advisory Committee has no control over the cost of service by either company, nor in the selection of programs offered by the companies over their video cable service. Subscribers need to call the company's customer service to resolve any problems of this nature. If the problem is related to providing service (not content or price) and cannot be resolved by customer service, contact the Stow Cable Committee to see if additional assistance can be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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