

**Chapter 61 Review Process Guidelines**

Page 12, paragraph 5:

Whereas the Town has formed a "Study/Evaluation Group", composed of *designees (professional staff or committee members)* from the Stow Planning Board, Stow Board of Selectmen, Stow Conservation Commission, Board of Assessors, Stow Board of Health, ~~and the Chairs or designees~~ Stow Open Space Committee, and Stow Agricultural Commission (to assist the Town in evaluating parcels and completing the right of first refusal process.

Page 14, paragraph 5:

**5. *Within five working days***, ~~the~~ the Board of Selectmen shall request that the Study/Evaluation Committee gather information on the property to determine its recreational, agricultural, forestry and/or conservation values and provide a preliminary report to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator ***in three weeks*** ~~within five (5) working days~~. An analysis of the location of the property relative to other protected lands shall be performed along with an environmental assessment. A determination will be made whether the property contains any unique geological or other environmental features, important soils, a drinking water source, or historical attributes. Zoning and subdivision control regulations will be examined to assess the impact of the potential development on town services.



Town of Stow  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**NOTICE OF VACANCY**

**SPRINGFEST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**  
**One member**

**Duties:** Plan and oversee SpringFest, the town's annual festival held in May. Identify and schedule events for the weekend. Recruit and organize participants and volunteers. Promote and publicize festival. Supervise site set-up and clean up.

**Qualifications:** Energy and enthusiasm to create an enjoyable community-wide celebration for all ages. Ability to commit time to planning and event management. Team player with a good sense of humor.

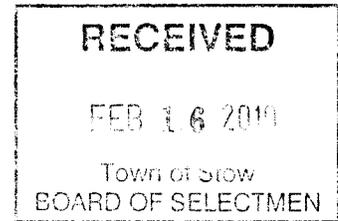
**Term:** Appointment by the Board of Selectmen to the remainder of a two-year term ending June 30, 2011.

**Application:** The Board of Selectmen will be accepting applications until Thursday, March 11, 2010.

If you are interested, please contact the Selectmen's Office at [selectmen@stow.ma.gov](mailto:selectmen@stow.ma.gov) or 978-897-4515.

Posted February 12, 2010

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February 12, 2010

Dear Town of Stow Selectmen,

Please accept this letter as my application for the position of SpringFest Organizing Committee member.

I worked with the SpringFest Committee in 2009, and thoroughly enjoyed being part of this dynamic and entertaining event. As a volunteer I created the logo, helped with the signage and T-shirts, participated in planning and scheduling events, and was present throughout the day, including set-up and breakdown.

I believe SpringFest is an integral part of the Stow identity, and that my background in Marketing and Graphic Design lends itself to helping keep SpringFest a success.

I look forward to working on SpringFest 2010, and hopefully becoming a member of the organizing committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Murray Levine".

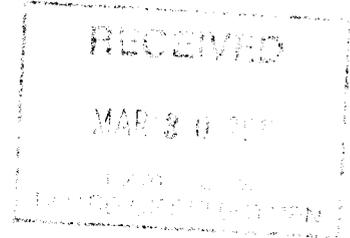
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**Town of Stow  
SpringFest Committee**

# Memo



**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**From:** Karen Kelleher, SpringFest Committee Member  
**CC:**  
**Date:** March 29, 2010  
**Re:** Application for position on the SpringFest Organizing Committee

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At its meeting of March 24, 2010, the SpringFest Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Selectmen appoint Murray Levine to the SpringFest Committee. Murray worked with the SpringFest Committee in 2009 and, although he was not an official member, his participation was invaluable. His enthusiasm and background in marketing and graphic design has proved to be a tremendous asset to the Committee.

Priority	Responsible	March 2, 2010	April 2010	May 2010	June 2010	July 2010
LV Water	Town Administrator	Negotiations with state continue.				
Affordable Housing	SMAHT	Grant program materials drafted and submitted for legal review. Warrant article for allowing SMAHT to loan money drafted and submitted for legal review.				
School Project	ESBC	Pre-qualification notices sent. Working through hearings (PB, Cons Comm, ZBA).				
Minuteman	BOS	Will put feasibility cost on warrant or add to op. budget.				
Economic Development	BOS	New restaurant planned for Shaw's plaza.				
Pompo Use	Study Team/BOS*	Three applicants for Study Team; notice of remaining vacancies to be in Stow Ind.				
Senior/Community Center	Study Team/BOS*	Three applicants for Study Team; notice of remaining vacancies to be in Stow Ind.				

Assabet River	BOS	EPA appeal successful. Need to resolve high P in Eliz. Brook.				
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\* Will be Study Team only once formed.

*from J. Duggan for 4/6/10 .  
Transportation Advisory Comm.*

Notes from meeting with Franny Osman on 3/25/10

Franny is Chairman of the Acton Transportation Advisory Committee. She corresponded earlier this month with Bill Wrigley re: the possibility of Stow joining Acton on a small grant application.

She said that application was never submitted. Instead, Acton hired a consultant to prepare a Suburban Mobility Grant application. (This is now called the Clean Air and Mobility Program, and it is administered by Hayes Morrison of the MPO.) Acton received the grant (about \$126K), and will use the funds to hire a private shuttle service (TransAction Associates).

Acton has identified several parking areas in Acton, and Franny says that this service will be open to residents of other towns as well. I mentioned Stow has a parcel on S. Acton Road that could possibly be used for a parking area.

The Acton grant will also pay for a coordinator. The funds will not support the shuttle service beyond a year or two, and Franny hopes other towns will join forces to provide financial support.

There will be a nominal rider charge, but it will not cover the total operating cost. A subsidy will be required.

Acton is part of the "Minute Van" group, and Franny will let me know when they plan to meet again. The current members are Acton, Boxboro, Concord, Maynard, and Littleton.

I told Franny I would check the status of the S. Acton Road parcel, and that I would update the Stow selectmen on 4/6. I will propose the creation of a Transportation Advisory Committee in Stow, or continue my individual participation if so directed by the board.

*from Town of Acton website  
Acton's advisory committee*

## **Transportation Advisory Committee**

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### **Contact**

Ph: (978) 264-9628 | [E-mail](#)

[Calendar of Events](#)

### **Meetings**

- 7:30 PM
- Fourth Thursday of each month

### **Minutes**

Minutes are available following approval.

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### **Members**

James E. Yarin	Term expires 6/2012
James Citro	Term expires 6/2012
Bengt Muten	Term expires 6/2012
Maureen Greer	Term expires 6/2010
Frances Osman	Term expires 6/2010
Michael Fisher, Associate Member	Term expires 6/2010
Associate - Open	

### **Overview**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) coordinates local transportation planning efforts and makes recommendations to the **Board of Selectmen** and the **Planning Board** on:

- Traffic issues, including local roadway problems, planning, transportation infrastructure, parking, and traffic calming
- Bicycling issues, including recreational and commuter bike-path planning, roadway bicycle use, and other bicycle access issues
- Pedestrian issues, including sidewalk planning and priorities, creating pedestrian-friendly areas, and neighborhood traffic calming
- Annual appropriation requests for transportation-related capital and operating expenses

The TAC is expected to take a proactive as well as reactive role in dealing with these issues. Committee members may also choose to become involved in regional transportation planning efforts as observers, such as Route 2 planning efforts or Fitchburg rail-line improvements. However, the focus of the committee is on local transportation issues.

The TAC may be called on as needed to participate in Town Meeting presentations of local transportation issues or appropriation requests, hold public meetings, and respond to specific citizen requests concerning local transportation issues or improvements. The TAC also provides assistance and support in the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Town's Master Plan.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Apr. 1**

Transportation Advisory Committee - CANCELLED

#### **Apr. 29**

Transportation Advisory Committee

#### **May 27**

Transportation Advisory Committee

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*From J. Dungan for 4/6/10  
Innovative Water Systems  
Report*

Notes from Smart, Clean, Green conference: March 13, 2010

- Was mainly about innovative wastewater treatment systems
- Focus on decentralized, sustainable treatment to maximize soil dispersal and reuse opportunities
- Use the most passive technologies: reuse and aquifer recharge
- “You can find a system for a lot of any size.”
- See video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihz4ikFN2Ts> for description of Solar Aquatics system from Ecological Engineering Associates. Uses plants and microbes. Fascinating! (The video highlights several systems in MA. The speaker noted one in Weston.)
- Senator Jamie Eldridge was host. He is the new chairman of the Water Infrastructure Finance Commission. This group is interested in supporting public/private partnerships. They will hold hearings around the states. Here is a statement from MMA:

“The commission would be charged with evaluating the public health and public safety issues associated with water and wastewater infrastructure in the Commonwealth and recommending possible avenues to increase the investment in this important infrastructure. The Commonwealth and its municipalities are facing a water and wastewater crisis created by antiquated infrastructure and a failure to properly invest in maintaining the existing infrastructure. In fiscal 2006 and 2007, there was a reported \$900 million shortfall between funding requests from the Department of Environmental Protection and the amounts awarded. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that \$8.5 billion is needed in the Commonwealth from 2003 and 2022 to improve access and safety of drinking water infrastructure.

It is important for the continued economic growth of the Commonwealth and for our public health that we determine our future water and wastewater needs as well as mechanisms to pay for such improvements. We simply cannot grow without access to water. Additionally, investments in drinking water infrastructure create jobs; 57,400 jobs are created for every \$1 billion spent on the drinking water infrastructure.

Local officials know the importance of asset management for water systems. Water and wastewater utilities are among the most capital-intensive of all utility services. Cities and towns across the Commonwealth have made an enormous investment in water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructures. Other public assets such as schools, roads, and recreational facilities are easier to appreciate because they’re so visible. However, our water and wastewater assets require far more capital investment. The reliability and performance of these systems are an essential underpinning of all economic activity and property values. If our water systems deteriorate, public health, fire protection, economic development, and quality of life will be affected.”