



Lower Village Committee Updates

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Our Mission

The Lower Village Committee is an appointed subcommittee of the Stow Planning Board and is spearheading efforts to improve the Lower Village appearance, traffic flow and pedestrian safety. It is influencing change in the Lower Village, using a public-private partnership and the special permit process to accomplish identity, pedestrian and traffic goals.

In addition to planning for the Lower Village, the committee has sponsored numerous clean-up days, worked with property owners to develop two pathways and is working with local property owners on implementing a consistent streetscape.

The Lower Village Committee meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Building. Lower Village businesses and the public are invited to attend meetings and can send comments to the Stow Planning Board Coordinator, Karen Kelleher.

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Lower Village Spring Festival on May 13

To showcase the Lower Village and support local businesses, the Lower Village Committee is sponsoring a spring festival in the Lower Village on Saturday, May 13, from 9-12 in coordination with the Stow Garden Club, which is sponsoring its annual spring plant sale on the common from 8-12.

We encourage all Lower Village businesses to participate in the festival. You can highlight your business through coupons, special promotions, a sidewalk sale, give-aways or even a table with more information about your products or services.

To help drive attendance, planned activities include:

- Stow Garden Club Plant Sale
- Stow Minuteman demonstrations on the common
- A table sponsored by the Stow Historical Society and Stow Historical Commission
- A presentation showing the results of the Lower Village Traffic study

Cones and other traffic calming devices will be used to encourage pedestrian access to both sides of Great Road/Route 117. Start planning now how you can participate. If you are interested, please contact Karen Kelleher

Traffic Study Presentation on May 13

On May 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Faxon Farm in the Lower Village, Fay, Spofford & Thorndike (FST) will present the results of their Lower Village traffic study with proposed recommendations for meeting the traffic and pedestrian needs of Lower Village.

Town Meeting 2005 approved the funds for a \$30,000 traffic study to be conducted in the Lower Village to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety in this area, addressing concerns raised in public meetings for Lower Village planning and in Master Plan surveys.

Several potential solutions for improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety have been identified. Come hear proposed solutions and share your thoughts.

Streetscape Improvements

In a first step in implementing a new standard streetscape for the Lower Village, the owner of the Stow House of Pizza has added a new sidewalk on the southern side of Route 117. The curb cut for that property has also been modified for safer entrances and departures.

Who Are We?

The Lower Village Committee consists of local residents and property owners, including business owners, and includes representation from the Planning Board, the Historical Society and the Lighting subcommittee of the Planning Board:

Don McPherson, Chair
Thomas Farnsworth (Associate)
Bruce Fletcher
Karen Kelleher
Lucille King
Phil Moseley (Associate)
Barbara Sipler
Laura Spear
Russ Willis

Interested in joining or sharing your ideas? Contact Karen Kelleher at: (978) 897-5098

The Lower Village Committee is a subcommittee of the Stow Planning Board. For more information, go to:

http://www.stow-ma.gov/pages/StowMA_Planning/index