

MUNICIPAL LAND USE COMMITTEE

In February 2005, the Board of Selectmen agreed at a Joint Boards meeting to create a Municipal Land Use Committee. The Committee was asked to prepare a plan for the land and building space needs of the various departments and boards in Stow, details regarding the proposed use of the land and/or space, a timeline for when such land/space is needed, and the amount, type and location of needed land/space.

The Committee prepared and distributed a land use survey in the fall of 2005 to more than 30 public and charitable entities with an interest in land or building space in the town. Over the course of 2006, the Committee reviewed the responses and conducted follow up meetings with several of the entities that had completed the survey.

On September 29, 2006, the Municipal Land Use Committee presented a comprehensive summary of its survey results in the form of a chart to the Board of Selectmen. The chart included the amount of land and/or building space requested by the surveyees, when the space would be needed, the population served by the land/building use, any special requirements for the land/building space, and whether the space could be shared. The chart was organized according to whether land was needed, building space was needed, or just file space was needed. It may be found on the Municipal Land Use Committee page of the Town's web site. The Committee presented the best data it was able to obtain, but decided that determinations regarding the priority of the various needs were most appropriately made initially by the Board of Selectmen and ultimately by town voters. At the end of the meeting, the Selectmen disbanded the Municipal Land Use Committee, its work having been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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