

Agenda Summary
August 26, 2026

Agenda Item No. B-1

September 11th Proclamation Approval and Event Update

Summary: Enclosed please find a proclamation, Commemorating the Stowe Community 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Day of Remembrance, drafted by Jo Sabel Courtney. Jo will also provide an update on the event planning.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to approve the Proclamation Commemorating the Stowe Community 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Day of Remembrance, and to approve the September 11th memorial event as a municipally sponsored event.

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT

Commemorating the Stowe Community 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Day of Remembrance

WHEREAS, September 11, 2026, marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, which claimed 2,977 lives and forever changed our nation and our world;

WHEREAS, on that September day twenty-five years ago, the people of Stowe came together in grief, disbelief, and solidarity, gathering at the Akeley Memorial Building to share a moment of profound consequence for our community and our country;

WHEREAS, Stowe's first responders arrived together in uniform, standing as a visible expression of service, courage, and community at a time when first responders across the nation were making unimaginable sacrifices;

WHEREAS, the bells of Stowe Community Church, the Stowe Free Library, and the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum were rung to mark the times of the four plane strikes, their sound carrying through the village as Stowe joined the nation in mourning;

WHEREAS, in the years that followed, the bells of Stowe Community Church continued to ring on September 11 to mark those moments, creating a local tradition of remembrance and ensuring that the events and lives lost that day would not be forgotten;

WHEREAS, the response of the Stowe community reflected what was occurring in communities throughout our nation, with people coming together across differences, offering comfort, kindness, service, and a renewed sense of our shared humanity;

WHEREAS, twenty-five years later, it is fitting that Stowe once again come together to remember those who lost their lives, honor the first responders and all who served and sacrificed, and reflect upon the compassion, courage, and unity that emerged in the aftermath of tragedy;

WHEREAS, the Stowe Community 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Day of Remembrance will bring our community together throughout September 11, 2026, in remembrance, reflection, music, and expressions of hope and peace, while renewing Stowe's own tradition of marking the four strikes with the ringing of bells;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stowe Selectboard hereby proclaims September 11, 2026, as a Day of Remembrance in the Town of Stowe, and invites all members of our community to join in remembering those who were lost, honoring those who answered the call to serve, and carrying forward the compassion, unity, and shared humanity that brought Stowe together twenty-five years ago.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Stowe Selectboard has hereunto set our hands this 26th day of August, 2026:

Ethan Carlson

Elizabeth Gadbois

Francis "Paco" Aumand

Jo Sabel Courtney

Dominick Donza