

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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February 10, 2015

Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Weight Permits
- Sterling College Application
- Mileage Report
- Craftsbury Public Library
- Trees for Streams – Farley Brown
- Committees/Commissions Report
- Road Foreman’s Report
- Town Clerk
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Selectboard
- Other:
 - Drug Policy Draft
 - Dog Policy Draft

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard), June Cook (Hardwick Gazette), Farley Brown, Susan Flynn, Aliena Gerhardt, Sung-Hee Chung and Leah Szafranski were also present.

Approve Minutes:

Susan made a motion to approve the January 27, 2015 minutes as printed, seconded and moved.

Weight Permits:

The Selectboard signed weight permits for Hillcrest Trucking & Storage.

Sterling College Application:

The Selectboard reviewed the Sterling College report regarding the tracker responses, sent by PSB.

Mileage Report:

The Selectboard decided to wait until the final draft was in before completing the State’s Mileage report.

Craftsbury Public Library:

Susan Flint and Aliena Gerhardt, representing Craftsbury Public Library, stopped in and mentioned all of the wonderful programs the Library is offering. It is a hub for the community, offering children programs, computers to use, adult programs and more. Although they fundraise, costs such as book mailings have risen significantly. They will be asking \$31,000 from the Town this year, \$2,000 more than the previous year. They said this is the first time in 3 years they have had to ask for an increase. The Town thanked them for their contributions to the Town and suggested having representatives from the Library to be at Town Meeting, to help answer questions that may arise.

Trees for Streams – Farley Brown:

Farley explained the Black River Stabilization project she has been working, and the areas of concerns. Some

of the areas of concerns can be addressed with replacing culverts and maybe some plantings. Some erosion areas are more complicated, such as the bridge area near Viola Reil. Many of the Knot Weed places around town, with some effort, can get better. She is unsure how to address the extensive Knot Weed issue in Mill Village however. More of the project will be talked about in her presentation Feb. 18th. Farley will try and send Michelle a copy of the slideshow to put on the Town's website.

Leah Szafranski, District Manager of Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District explained the Riparian Buffer Planting project she was working on for Craftsbury through the "Vermont Trees for Streams" program. Through area grants and volunteer planting, she will coordinate the project with Farley Brown and Sung-Hee. The location of this buffer is the East bank of the Black River, just south of the Town Garage. There will be about 240 stems, volunteers usually average 4 tree stems per hour.

Jim made a motion to sign the contract for the "Vermont Trees for Streams" project, for the Town of Craftsbury's property on the East bank of the Black River. Motion approved. The Selectboard signed the contract.

Committees/Commissions Report:

No other committee reports given.

Road Foreman's Report:

Bruce said he was unable to attend the FEMA meeting yesterday. However, he will contact the State to work on getting FEMA reimbursement for approximately \$3,500 of clean up after the ice storm.

Steve was able to move back some of the snow banks in the Village so people could see better at the crossroads.

Town Clerk:

Town reports have been sent to the printer. Michelle mentioned a pdf is also on the town website.

Walk-ins that have business to come before the Selectboard:

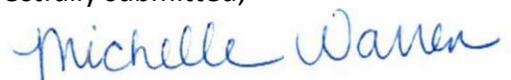
No other walk-ins.

Other:

- The Selectboard signed the letter of support Susan had written for the Outdoor Center.
- Drug Policy Draft to be done at a later date.
- Dog policy to be done at a later meeting.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM. Next meeting is scheduled 7 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board