

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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March 25, 2014

Agenda:

- Approval Select Board Minutes
- Linda Wells Update
- School Parking
- Energy Committee
- Weight Permits
- S. Craftsbury Bridge
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk's Report
- Appointments
- Committee Reports
- Other Business
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Steve Wright Fire
 - Dog Policy Sample
 - VTel ROW

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Steve Marckres (Road Forman), Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard), June Cook (Hardwick Gazette), Kevin Gregoire, Amelia Fritz, Steve Smith, Steve Moffatt and Linda Wells were also present.

Approval Select Board Minutes:

Jim made a motion to approve the March 11, 2014 minutes as printed, seconded and approved.

Linda Wells Update:

Linda had gave the Selectboard an update and notes from a recent meeting she attended on ERAF & Flood Damage Mitigation Opportunities for Municipalities. She explained the Selectboard will need to adopt a Road Bridge Standard, flood hazard regulation and new mapping. The Selectboard will review the information provided.

School Parking:

Both Steve Smith and Steve Moffatt expressed concerns on parking on the Common during school hours. Both Sterling and CA students are parking across from the funeral home, making it difficult for busses and emergency vehicles to get through. The Selectboard clarified that the Town owns the Common. They discussed ideas of putting some extra parking up on the Common. They also discussed looking into the Dustan Endowment to help make the parking area better with lighting, cleaning up, etc. The Selectboard explained that parking has been an issue in the past as well.

Steve Moffatt, on behalf of the School Board, is fine with moving the School Meeting to the morning instead of the afternoon if the Selectboard decide to.

Energy Committee:

Kevin and Amelia explained the proposal prepared by Solartech. After discussion, Kevin and Amelia recommended along with Solartech, for the Town to purchase a Gen3 All Sun Series 24 tracker and install it behind the salt shed. Solartech will take care of all of the necessary paperwork and installation. **Susan made a motion to accept Craftsbury Energy Committee's recommendation to put in a solar tracker for \$21,900, net after state incentive. All agreed, motion approved.**

They discussed getting the generator fixed by Steve Waterhouse. The Selectboard agreed to have the Energy Committee do a laymen's level audit of the Town Hall.

Weight Permits:

The Selectboard signed weight permits for Grime inc., Dale Percy, Blow & Cote Inc., Walker Construction, Camp Precast Concrete and Harrison Concrete Construction.

South Craftsbury Bridge:

Steve said the deck on the bridge in the Village on the South Craftsbury Road needs repair after this harsh winter. Steve will put on a temporary patch as soon as he can and Bruce will check with state about helping to fund a new deck.

Road Foreman's Report:

Steve said they are all set on sand and salt right now. Steve said he would rather not apply for the equipment grant; it was a hassle last time.

Clerk's Report:

Yvette said they are on their third week in the office with no internet from GAW. Although she has called many times asking them to fix the problem, it still is not fixed. She has ordered internet service with Fairpoint.

Committee Reports:

Susan said that Joe Houston will be taking over as chair on the Conservation Commission. They are currently working on manuals for invasive species. Burt Strong is resigning. The Selectboard will ask John Bailey to replace Burt on the Conservation Commission.

Peter Smyth, Amanda Smyth and Jennifer LaPoint have resigned on the Recreation Committee. The Selectboard is looking into replacements.

Drug and Alcohol Policy:

Bruce explained that in order to stay in compliance, the Town needs to customize and adopt their own Drug and Alcohol for motor vehicles. Bruce will bring the sample drug and alcohol sample policy to review at the next Selectboard meeting.

Other Business:

- Susan is going to look into pedestrian safety on the main road from Craftsbury Village to Craftsbury Common.
- Yvette is gathering donations of gift certificates and checks for Steve Wright, who recently lost his home in a fire.

- The Selectboard will review a sample dog policy/ordinance sent by Renee Falconer from Pets In the Kingdom.
- The Selectboard received a letter from VTel requesting permission to put in 2 poles and ROW near the Morey Hill Road. Bruce will call them first about the project first before signing off on permission.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM. Next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board

Upcoming Project Considerations:

- Speeding concerns on the Common
- Dog ordinance discussion
- Ancient road meeting
- Sidewalk between IA & Academy buildings
- Telecommunication ordinance amendment
- Wastewater feasibility study
- Emergency Management Plan discussion
- Town Hall Relocation possibilities
- Brainstorm needs of Town Hall interior
- Conservation Commission Position
- Big Hosmer Pond Meeting