

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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March 12, 2013

Agenda:

- Approval Select Board Minutes
- Appointments
- Craftsbury Inn Owners
- Energy Committee – Kevin Gregoire
- Fire Department – Walter Gutzmann
- Red Cross Training Report
- Weight Permits
- Road Foreman’s Report
- Clerk’s Report
- Committee Reports
- Mission New England
- Other Business:
 - Selectboard Meeting January 25, 2013
 - Financial Policies
 - Class Four Road Policy

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Michelle Warren (Clerk of Select Board), Kevin Gregoire, Ned Houston, Walt Gutzmann, Wylie Solomon and Sung He were also present.

Approval Select Board Minutes:

The Selectboard will review the February 19, 2013 Selectboard minutes at the next meeting.

Appointments:

The Selectboard will review the Town Meeting appointments at the next Selectboard meeting.

Craftsbury Inn Owners:

Wylie Solomon and Sung He, new owners of the Craftsbury Inn, discussed their initial plans for the Inn with the Selectboard. Their primary focus is structural work and making it historically correct. They are looking into many options, such as a restaurant/pub and a smaller six room inn. They would like to make it part of the community and open to all.

Energy Committee – Kevin Gregoire:

Kevin mentioned the Vermont Home Energy Challenge, to promote weatherization of 3% of the 500 homes in Craftsbury. The Energy Committee is being trained to do walk-through visits. At Town Meeting, the Energy Committee had 17 energy surveys returned and 28 pledge cards. The Energy Committee is also looking into connecting to the Front Porch Forum, a community based social media a connection. Cost would be \$2500 one-time set up fee or if they share with Albany, total cost is \$3000 (or \$1500 each town). Sterling is also interested in the Front Porch Forum.

Kevin had received two options for solar panels on the Town Garage. The Selectboard discussed the options requested one more quote for review.

Fire Department – Walter Gutzmann:

Bruce signed the Deputy Fire Warden's renewal form for Adam Darling.

The Selectboard reviewed the contact for the new fire truck. **Susan made a motion for the Selectboard to grant Walt Gutzmann, Fire Department Chief, \$14,000 for the down payment of the new fire truck and also to sign the contract for the fire truck, to hold the price. All agreed, motion approved.**

Bruce had been unable to find grant funds for the new fire truck.

Red Cross Training Report:

The Selectboard filled out some of the Red Cross paperwork from the February Red Cross meeting, and will forward the shelter agreement form to the school for signing.

Weight Permits:

The Selectboard signed weight permits for Camp Precast Concrete Products, Dale E Percy Inc., Grimes Excavating, Hillcrest Trucking & Storage, SD Ireland Concrete Construction Corp and Bournes Energy.

Road Foreman's Report:

Steve was working tonight on a road and culvert washing out in East Craftsbury.

Clerk's Report:

Jim and Bruce mentioned that the blower motor was fixed in the furnace at the Town Hall.

Committee Reports:

Jodi from the Recreation Committee had asked Bruce a few questions about the beach, Michelle will help respond.

Mission New England:

No response yet from the court case with Mission New England.

Other Business:

- Bruce will send Michelle Minutes from the January 25, 2013 meeting.
- Financial Policies will be reviewed at a later date.
- The Selectboard will review the Vermont Better Road draft later.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tues., April 2, 2013 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board

Upcoming Project Considerations:

- Dog ordinance discussion
- Ancient road meeting
- Sidewalk between IA & Academy buildings
- Telecommunication ordinance amendment
- Wastewater feasibility study
- Emergency Management Plan discussion
- Class 4 road ordinance/policy
- Coburn Hill court case
- Town Hall Relocation possibilities
- Brainstorm needs of Town Hall interior
- Brainstorm ideas for location Antiques & Uniques supplies
- Appointments