

# Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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August 6, 2013

## Agenda:

- Hosmer Pond Group
- Approval Select Board Minutes
- Road Foreman's Report
- MNE Update
- Clerk's Report
- Green Mountain Power Meeting
- Clerk Report
- Committee Reports
- Other Business:
  - Dog Warden Position
  - FEMA Mutual Aid
  - Hardwick Electric Dept. Letter
  - Congratulations Susan
  - Atwood Bridge Update
  - Stark Biddle Letter

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie and Jim Jones. June Cook (Hardwick Gazette), Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard), Holly George, Sandy Thurston, Don Hawkins, Rita Benjamin, Mike George, Steve Glass, Mark George, Tyler Thurston and Ted Berry were also present.

### Hosmer Pond Group:

The Hosmer Pond Group met with Craftsbury Selectboard voicing their concerns of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center's use of Big Hosmer. Mike George read a letter to the Selectboard, noting it had always been used as a recreational body of water, open to the public for fishing, boating, waterskiing and swimming. He felt now Big Hosmer is used less and less to the public primarily because of the waters being controlled by the Outdoor Center. The letter listed past and present issues the group has had with Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Night snowmaking noise concerns were also raised by Ted Berry, after being told at Act 250 meetings that snowmaking would not be run during the night. The Hosmer Pond Group asked the Selectboard for guidance and suggestions. Bruce said the Selectboard would need to do some research on the situation. The Selectboard noted they would like to have a meeting with the Outdoor Center and the Hosmer Pond Group to try and find a compromise.

### Village Designation Renewal:

Sung He said she had met with the Planning Commission who is supportive of Craftsbury's Village Designation renewal coming up in 2014. She has volunteered to work on the Village Designation process. The Selectboard was also supportive of renewing the Village Designation renewal. They suggested Sung contact Heidi Krantz who handled the original Village Designation and also Alison Low from NVDA.

### Approval Select Board Minutes:

**Jim made a motion to approve the June 25, 2013 Selectboard minutes, approved as printed.**

Road Foreman's Report:

Steve Marckres was absent, no report given.

Weight Permits:

The Selectboard signed a weight permit for Bernard Fauteux.

MNE Update:

Bruce had received an email from Wayne Mutrux, noting that he has flagged the 30 foot ROW, and wanted the Selectboard to know that a section of their fence was in a small part of the ROW. The Selectboard are reviewing a quick claim deed and ordinance prepared by Paul Gillies. After reviewing, The Selectboard plans to sign and post necessary documents at the next Selectboard meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed the new location of the Coburn Hill Trail.

Clerk's Report:

Yvette was absent, no report given.

Green Mountain Power Meeting:

Green Mountain Power is scheduled to be at Craftsbury's August 20, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.

Committee Reports:

The Energy Committee asked for \$71.94 in reimbursement for the energy basket they created for the recent Art House Auction. **Jim made a motion to reimburse the energy committee \$71.94 for their expenses, motion approved.**

Other Business:

- The Selectboard appointed Chris Masse' and Paul Martin as dog wardens.
- The Selectboard discussed being part of a mutual aid group in which FEMA would reimburse the town. Jim will be in touch with Todd Harris from Wolcott to let him know Craftsbury is interested, after Bruce gives him Craftsbury's equipment list.
- Hardwick Electric had sent the Selectboard a letter noting they will no longer be accepting Net Meeting.
- The Selectboard offered congratulations to Susan Houston for the birth of her first grandchild.
- Bruce read a letter from VTrans regarding the Atwood Bridge. They are reviewing the original bridge plans, they had a few questions about ROW records. Bruce will look into and get back to them.
- The Selectboard received a letter from Stark Bittle. Stark's letter stated that he had met with the Selectboard in August of 2012 with concerns of speeding on the Common, suggesting speed bumps, radar, police presence and lowering the speed limit. He didn't feel progress has been made. Bruce will talk with the State Police again regarding occasional police presence and a speed radar on the Common. Michelle will add this to the Selectboard's project list for review later.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled 7 PM on Monday, August 12, 2013 at Craftsbury 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

