

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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October 15, 2013

Agenda:

- Atwood Bridge (Bridge 4) Hearing
- Approval Select Board Minutes
- VLCT Pacif Renewal
- Roland Green Request
- Hosmer Pond Update
- Clerk's Report
- Road Foreman's Report
- Committee Reports
- Other Business:
 - Craftsbury Outdoor Center Race
 - Health Care Changes
 - Septic Pumping
 - VLCT Conference

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. June Cook (Hardwick Gazette) and Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard) were also present. Tim Fillbach, Christopher Williams, Jeannine Young, Dannielle Spring, Russell Spring, Julia Shipley and Alan Young were present for the Atwood Bridge (Bridge 4) Hearing.

Atwood Bridge (Bridge 4) Hearing:

Christopher Williams presented options and reasons for the replacement of Bridge 4. During bridge inspections, the bridge deck, superstructure and substructure were considered to be in poor condition. He explained that if Craftsbury is chosen for the accelerated bridge program, it would be replaced in 2016, at a time frame Craftsbury chooses. Concerns for the project are right of ways, wetlands and wildlife corridor. Total time for bridge replacement is up to 6 months, the bridge would be closed for up to 28 days. The 3 choices of the replacement bridge were a 42' rigid frame bridge, a 68' span still beam bridge with spread footings, and a 85' span steel beam bridge with integral abutments. The State recommended the 42' rigid frame bridge due to its initial low cost and low maintenance. After discussion, the State's close 2nd choice was the 85' bridge, close in price and had options for the wildlife corridor. The consensus of the residents at the meeting was that the 85' bridge was a better choice, offering a wildlife corridor, cement, not gravel deck, and also less impact on the area during construction. All the bridge choices are warranted, raise the vertical grade to improve sight distance, maintain center line and have a long term 80 year lifespan. If the town chooses to close the road and create a 2.4 mile detour, it will cut the cost of the bridge to the town in half. If the town chooses the 42' bridge with detour, total cost is \$1,146,600, 5% instead of 10% town cost is estimated \$57,330. If Craftsbury chooses the 85' bridge with detour, total cost is \$1,310,700, town cost would be \$65,535.

Right now the state is in the project definition phase, which started in March. Project design is the next phase, which works on getting permits, etc, then the contract is awarded, then construction. Total project time is estimated at 3-4 years. The Town Selectboard can work with the State on getting necessary right of ways.

Jim made a motion to choose the integral abutment 85' bridge with detour to replace bridge #4, all aye, motion approved. The Selectboard chose this bridge because there would be a place for wildlife, wouldn't have to dewater the stream, and had a cement deck.

Approval Select Board Minutes:

Jim made a motion to approve the October 1, 2013 Selectboard minutes, seconded and approved as printed.

VLCT Pacif Renewal:

Bruce completed the VLCT Pacif Renewal paperwork.

Roland Green Request:

The Selectboard received a request from Roland Greene to help a nearby neighbor with a terminal illness by bringing in 3 loads of gravel to put their mobile home on. Request approved.

Hosmer Pond Update:

Susan has been in contact with Carol Plant from Restorative Justice who has agreed to moderate between Hosmer Pond Group and the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Bruce will send the contact information from the Hosmer Pond Group to Susan to help start the process.

Clerk's Report:

Yvette was absent, no report given.

Road Foreman's Report:

Cargill has agreed to match the State rate of \$67.95/ton for salt.

Committee Reports:

Jim said that Andrew Martin would rather not be on the Conservation Committee. Steve Sweet also declined the position. They will ask Jason Masse if he would like to be on the Conservation Committee.

Other Business:

- Craftsbury Outdoor Center Race is scheduled February 1st, with 10 crossings.
- The Selectboard is trying to meeting with a VLCT representative to help with the new health care changes.
- The Selectboard decided to have the septic pumped out at the Town Hall before winter. Jim will call Michaud septic. Perfect Temp cleaned all furnaces.
- The Selectboard was invited to a VLCT conference in Burlington regarding ordinances.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

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