

# Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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May 7, 2013

## Agenda:

- Approval Select Board Minutes
- East Hill Preschool
- List of Owners of Unregistered Dogs
- Rip Rap on Hatchbrook Road
- Weight Permits
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk's Report
- Committee Reports
- Executive Session
- Other Business:
  - Class 4 Road Policy
  - Craftsbury Outdoor Center Act 250 Application

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Steve Marckres (Road Foreman), Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard), Kevin Gregoire (Energy Committee), Ann Hanson and June Cook (Hardwick Gazette) were also present.

## Approval Select Board Minutes:

**Susan made a motion to approve the April 16, 2013 Selectboard minutes with one correction, seconded and approved.**

## East Hill Preschool:

Ann Hanson talked with the Selectboard about the visioning group's progress on keeping the East Hill Preschool open next year, with a nature curriculum and longer hours. The budget will be tight, especially since East Hill Preschool withdrew their appropriation last year and also won't be able to receive OSSU funding. The Selectboard will look into their budget to see what they can do regarding the appropriation. The first year pilot project plans to have Ann as the project director/teacher and one assistant. They have done market research on nearby towns and out of 16 people they reached, 9 would be interested in the program which was encouraging. Ann is continuing to take classes and plans to be licensed over time. Susan, who is on the visioning group, will continue to update the Selectboard.

## List of Owners of Unregistered Dogs:

The Selectboard will review the unregistered dog list at a later Selectboard meeting.

## Rip Rap on Hatchbrook Road:

Chris Sanville, who is putting Rip Rap on his property near the river, wanted to know if the Town is putting a culvert near the bridge. Steve said no. Jim said Chris would like Steve to contact him if the Town does work in that area.

## Weight Permits:

The Selectboard signed a weight permit for Warren Hill Trucking.

Road Foreman's Report:

Steve said the crushing is done, sand is scheduled tomorrow. Jim said Brian Sanville is planning to do mowing again.

The Town agreed to do the 2 for 1 this year. This year's screening cost will remain the same as last year.

Steve said they did get the garbage on Hatchbrook Road. There was a good turnout for Green Up this year. The Selectboard plans to send a thank you note to the school for all their hard work on Green Up.

Steve said he put a few loads of stone already up on Coburn Hill Road this spring.

Clerk's Report:

Yvette is gone on vacation, no report given.

Committee Reports:

Kevin gave the Selectboard the 3<sup>rd</sup> estimate from the Solar Store for the solar panels on the Town Garage. The Selectboard also received a letter from the Energy Committee proposing suggestions as to where the wind tower funds should go. Susan thanked Kevin for his work on the estimates and appreciated the letter and interest, but the Selectboard can't act now with so many uncertainties. Right now Hardwick Electric is almost at their 4% mandated for alternative energy. The Town is uncertain whether or not Hardwick Electric would take on additional alternative energy.

**The Selectboard approved Perry Thomas as a member of the Conservation Commission.**

Other Business:

The Selectboard gave Steve a copy of the Class 4 Road draft for Steve to look over.

The Selectboard discussed the Craftsbury Outdoor Center's Act 250 permit application. They are planning to start by tearing down and rebuilding the Touring Center and is requesting supporting letters to accompany the application. The Selectboard will talk to them first with a few concerns, such as the estimated 50 vehicles more/day and parking.

Executive Session:

**The Selectboard made a motion to go in executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss legal counsel from Paul Gillies on the Coburn Hill Case, motion moved and seconded. Executive Session ended at 8:55 PM. No action taken.** The Selectboard will send revisions to the document and will meet Thursday to review the revised the document.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. The next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tues., May 21, 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

