

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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July 21, 2015

Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Better Back Road Grant
- Road Software
- Bridge #4 on Creek Road
- Speed Limit from Village to Common
- Widening of Lake Road
- Steering Committee Meeting
- Tax Rate
- Committee/Commission Reports
- Road Foreman's Report
- Town Clerk
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Selectboard
- Other:
 - Block Party
 - Drug Policy Draft
 - Dog Policy Draft

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, July 21 2015 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard) and June Cook were also present.

Minutes:

Jim made a motion to approve both the May 19, 2015 and June 9, 2015 minutes as printed. Seconded and approved.

Better Back Road Grant:

Bruce said the Better Back Road grant for Craftsbury has been pre-approved, but still needs to go thru final approval.

Road Software:

Bruce said there will be new electronic recordkeeping requirements for town grants soon, using RSMS (road system management software). He said it's fairly simple to use, costs about \$150. Bruce will look into getting the software for Craftsbury.

Bridge #4 on Creek Road:

The Selectboard received the final #4 Creek Road bridge agreement with total cost of \$1,433,500. The Town's 5% share would be \$71,000. The State plans to ask for construction bids this fall and start work in the spring. The bridge will only be closed for 28 days. The Selectboard will have Kent and Steve look over the final agreement and bridge diagrams as well.

Speed Limit from Village to Common:

The Selectboard received a letter from Molly & Mark Ciecierski asking for the Selectboard to reduce the speed limit from Craftsbury Village to the Common. Susan also requested a speed limit there. Bruce will

work on starting the hearing process of a speed ordinance between Craftsbury Village and Craftsbury Common.

Widening of Lake Road:

The Mellet's had mentioned to Yvette that they would donate some gravel to help widen the Lake Road. Bruce will go over with Steve to talk to them about it.

Steering Committee Meeting:

The Steering Committee meeting is scheduled August 25th at 6:30 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Prior Selectboard Meeting Minutes:

The Selectboard met 10 AM on June 24, 2015 to set the town tax rate. Bruce Urie, Jim Jones, Susan Houston and Yvette Brown were present. Meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Tax Rate:

2015 Town tax rate is set at .6412. Non-Residential is 1.4668 and homestead (residential) is 1.6936. It is down from last year which was 1.4863 for non-residential and 1.8756 for residential. **Jim made a motion to approve the .6412 tax rate for Craftsbury, seconded and approved.**

Committee/Commission Reports:

Susan said they will be starting on the knotweed issue in Mill Village on August 1st. Bruce said that Brian McChesney had spoken abruptly to the person doing our roadside mowing about knotweed. Bruce explained that because it is a really clean cutting process, it wasn't spreading the knotweed. June will talk to the Conservation Commission about it.

The Selectboard is thinking about possible locations for pulled invasions. The Conservation Commission may need additional members, but more research is needed first.

Jim made a motion to appoint Linda Ramsdell to cover Tim Patterson on the Planning Commission, until he returns. Motion approved.

Michelle said the new website is up and running. For computers running XP (IE 8), it doesn't display correctly. Like most website programs though, it is tested to run in more current browsers. Michelle will bring it up at the next website committee meeting.

Road Foreman's Report:

Bruce said the town crew is working on the shoulders on the Creek Road and ditching near Fairmont. They plan to haul gravel afterwards.

Town Clerk:

Bruce said tax bills were sent out and tax money is starting to come in.

Walk-ins that have business to come before the Selectboard:

None

Other:

- The Block Party seemed to be a big success. There were suggestions on putting out donation buckets next year to help cover the costs of the event.
- Drug Policy Draft to be done at a later date.
- Dog policy to be done at a later meeting.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM. Next meeting is scheduled 7 PM on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at Craftsbury Town Hall. The following meeting is scheduled Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board