

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

~ approved with correction ~

November 10, 2015

Agenda

- Executive Session
- Approve Minutes Last Meeting
- Speeding Letters
- Order to Reappraise
- Cellular Coverage Agreement
- Storm Water Drainage Map
- Community Visit
- Update on the Perkins House – Jim Flint
- Committees/Commissions Report
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Selectboard
- Other
 - Drug Policy draft
 - Dog Policy draft

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard), June Cook (Hardwick Gazette) and Jim Flint were also present.

Executive Session:

At 7 PM, Jim made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding a delinquent tax sale, moved. At 7:30 PM, the Selectboard exited Executive Session. Jim mentioned that the town acquired a parcel on the Wild Branch Road, which will need to be put on the Town Meeting Warning. **Jim made a motion to purchase the property and accept the deed for the tax sale, seconded and approved.**

Minutes:

Jim made a motion to approve the October 19, 2015 minutes with one correction, seconded and approved.

Speeding Letters:

The Selectboard received letters regarding speeding concerns on the Common from Matthew Derr, Stark Biddle, Marc and Molly Ciecierski. The Selectboard will work on setting up an advisory committee to look into road safety and trails.

Order to Reappraise:

Craftsbury has received a notice from the State of Vermont ordering Craftsbury to do a reappraisal. Yvette will call Monday for more information.

Cellular Coverage Agreement:

The Selectboard signed an agreement for the town to have cell coverage at the Town Hall. There will be limited cell coverage available later on route 14, from the poles.

Storm Water Drainage Map:

Bruce said they need to review the storm water drainage map with Steve.

Community Visit:

The Selectboard reviewed and suggested more names on the preliminary sign up list for the 3 committees on the next Community Visit. Susan noted that Craftsbury Town Forests received a recognition award. Bruce will talk about it a few minutes during the Community Visit.

Update on the Perkins House – Jim Flint:

Jim Flint updated the Selectboard on potential plans for the property on 321 S. Craftsbury Road. Although several people looked into the building as apartment rentals, it wasn't financially feasible. Wells Fargo has given approval to Wonder and Wisdom for the property. The Board of Wonder and Wisdom hasn't approved it yet though, will be discussed at their next board meeting. Jim still has more research to do before the board meeting, such as demolition prices (after usable materials are recycled). Initial plans are using the property as natural green space, with possibly a town kiosk signage. The Selectboard appreciated Jim's effort on the project.

Committees/Commissions:

The Selectboard appointed Carly Brown, Carol Maroni and Emily Thompson onto the Conservation Commission, one would be an alternative.

Michelle suggested the Selectboard consider a committee in town that can help create a local map for visitors, one that will help with commerce/communication. Michelle will try and look into it online how other towns handle it.

Road Foreman's Report:

Jim said they are working on patching roads and also putting gravel ledge near river area on Eden Mountain Road. Trucks ready for winter.

Clerk Report:

Tax payments are coming in, taxes due November 15, 2015.

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

None

Other:

- The Selectboard will look over Health insurance options at the next meeting.
- Drug Policy draft and Dog Policy draft will be discussed later.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned 9 PM. Next meeting is scheduled 7 PM on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board