

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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June 21, 2016

Agenda

- Approve Minutes Last Meeting
- Notice of Better Back Roads Grant
- Road Safety Hearing
- Committees/Commissions
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk's Report
- Walk-ins that have business to come before Selectboard
- Other:
 - Block Party
 - Storage Trailer

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Yvette Brown (Selectboard), Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard), Doug Morton (NVDA), Judy Geer, Ned Houston, Heidi Krantz, Jeannine Young, Farley Brown, Molly Ciecierski, Rocky Query, Dave Stoner, Jenny Stoner, Sung-Hee Chung, Barbara Mutrux, Frank Halden, Ollie Burruss, Keenan Chenail, Emilie Mullen, Tony Jones, Linda Ramsdell and Amelia Fritz were also present.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Jim made a motion to approval the June 14, 2016 minutes as printed, seconded and approved.

Notice of Better Back Roads Grant:

Craftsbury received a \$9,600 grant from Better Back Roads so they can finish up the stabilization project in Collinsville on TH 6.

Road Safety Hearing:

Bruce explained that this hearing was for the Road Safety Task force Proposed Synopsis that was sent around via email (see attached). A hearing is needed before the non-binding Australian ballot that is scheduled July 14, 2016 (see attached).

Jenny was grateful to the Selectboard for hosting the meeting and noted the only recommendation done for road safety recently is the Dustan Field Parking Lot. She said that from the Community Visit, a Road Safety task force was created. Jenny remarked that the email list had some disagreement of what needs to be done; some people think no problem, many views about children, dogs, etc. The taskforce appreciated taking the time and effort to communicate about the problem. Jenny explained that in order to receive grants that can cover 80% of the cost for road safety projects, a planning study needs to be done first. The deadline for the \$34,000 planning study requires 50% town match (\$17,000) and a letter of support from the town is due July 15th. This hearing is for community comments.

Doug Morton advised that the scope of work proposal needs to be clear. He estimated that the \$34,000 proposal would only cover the Village, the Common and possibly one other area such as Mill Village, Creek Road, East Craftsbury or the Branch Road, but not all of them. Doug estimated \$40,000-\$50,000 to do the full scope.

Tony noted that the Town has done other things for road safety, such as widening the roads where possible.

Doug explained other grants such as the grant alternative, similar to this grant, would be due in the fall. There is a bike pedestrian grant (max. 300,000) and Northern Borders annual regional grant. The advantage of doing the study first is that it could check for archeological/historical restraints before applying for grants. If they were able to receive the grant, a RFP would be created with the task force and selectboard. Next, data would be analyzed and edited, then a final report given with recommendations. Process is about 9 months. Doug has agreed to help with the grant writing, on behalf of NVDA.

There were concerns that the warning noted the scope covered Craftsbury Common, Craftsbury Village, Mill Village, Creek Road, East Craftsbury or the Branch Road, but it really would only cover 3 areas. Jeannine said the warning could be withdrawn if needed.

Doug said that we don't have to do a study to change speed limits and explained the 85% percentile rule on speeding. Bruce said speed limits can be changed, harder to change mindsets.

Heidi noted that there are a variety of other grants due later in the fall, some with only a 10% matching requirement, buying us some more time. She was concerned it will be hard to put together in a couple weeks, and will need to narrow focus if want to stick with budget.

There was talk of a pathway, instead of sidewalks. There was plan done by John Brodhead from the Common to the Village years ago. Doug said unless there are liens covering many years on private property, most grants won't cover private property

Frank thought we should look at priorities. Bicycle traffic increased when the Inn on The Common had bike tour visitors. Since it closed, bike traffic has decreased.

Bruce said it's being put right against the deadline since the warning is July 14 and the grant is due the next day, not really time to determine actual scope.

There were concerns with practicality of sidewalk maintenance regarding buying machine to clean, shovel and also keep sanded; questions of town's liability.

Molly noted the task force may want to consider waiting on the scope and application, not clear to everyone.

Heidi thought maybe some things could be done in the meantime, to see what might work and maybe help with grants down the road.

Jenny wondered if -there was traffic study on the speed radar. Bruce said comments around town said it had made a reasonable difference.

Doug said a solar polarized radar is about \$12,000 installed.

Rocky thought well marked crosswalks and extra signage, may be some low cost solutions.

Doug said there are some things that can be done to slower speed such as lane narrowing.

General consensus of those in attendance felt should delay warning, until scope more narrow. Yvette said primary would be end of August and general election in November.

The Road Safety Task force convened and decided to defer the warning to allow the group to clarify the focus. Warning deadline would be July 20th for the August ballot Yvette said.

Committees/Commissions:

No committee reports given.

Road Foreman's Report:

Yvette said Steve will be moving more furniture tomorrow in the Town Hall. Crusher is here, they are hauling gravel. Jim said one of the trucks is getting repaired.

Clerk's Report:

Town Hall floor was finished.

Walk-ins that have business to come before Selectboard:

None

Other:

Selectboard decided to give \$1,500 toward the block party from the Lowell wind tower funds. Next year, they will try and put it in as a town request.

Susan made a motion to purchase a \$2,750 20 foot storage trailer, all aye, motion approved.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM . The next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, July 12, 2016. They will be meeting tomorrow morning at 9 AM regarding the Village bridge.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board

Upcoming Projects:

Drug policy draft	Atwood Bridge	TH 63
Storm Water drainage map	Better Back Roads grant	
Storm Water sample	Hosmer Pond	
Dog policy draft	Deck Replacement	