

# Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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June 27, 2017

## Agenda

- Set Tax Rate
- Approve Minutes Last Meeting
- Craftsbury Saplings Loan Request
- Craftsbury Broadband Committee Map
- Committee Reports
- Sterling College Request
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-in that have business to come before the Selectboard
- Other

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Clerk of Selectboard), Melissa Jacob and Eloise Girard were also present.

### Set Tax Rate:

**Jim made motion to set the town tax rate to .535, Susan seconded, approved.** The rate was up slightly from .5 last year.

### Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

**Jim made a motion to approval the June 6, 2017 minutes with one correction, seconded and approved.**

### Craftsbury Saplings Loan Request:

Melissa and Eloise updated the Selectboard on the progress of Craftsbury Saplings. They have hired a director for up to 12 full-time children (or up to 20 part-time children). They had a great work day earlier and have raised \$44,500 so far for grants, including in-kind. The \$150,000 Promise Community Group grant, which was to be used for startup, is delayed until the fall. Thus, they have reduced the start up to just \$10,000 for essential items. They requested \$2,500 from the Town to go toward the startup phase. The Saplings explained that the \$6,000 that the town allotted to them at Town Meeting is to be used for family financial relief.

**Jim made a motion to donate \$1,250 out of the Good Neighbor fund for Craftsbury Saplings, seconded and all approved.**

The Selectboard had rolled over the Saplings \$1,050 unused prior year's request, which was to cover their childcare costs while planning; the Selectboard had misunderstood and thought they were getting funds elsewhere to cover their childcare expenses. If the Saplings still need funds later this summer for startup, the Selectboard asked them to stop back in.

### Craftsbury Broadband Committee Map:

After reviewing the maps given by the Craftsbury Broadband Committee, **Jim made motion to allow Fiber Optic cable to dig in the Town's right of way, following the property maps on King Road and the Common**

**Loop, seconded and approved.**

After discussion, the Selectboard chose not to front Michael Burnham funds before his grants came in. It will set a precedent with the Town.

Sterling College Celebration:

Sterling Requested using the Common for a Celebration August 18-20 with a bonfire and music from Granite Junction. After discussion, they Selectboard approved use on the Common, but no bonfire is permitted on the Common. Susan will contact Sterling College and let them know.

Road Foreman's Report:

Town crew is finishing sand, grading again.

There are some cracks in the road near Frank Halden's property. The Selectboard will let Steve know.

The Selectboard are looking into parking concerns at the triangle on the corner of Mill Village Road and North Craftsbury Road.

Steve is working on getting up the speed sign on the Common, has concerns on hitting the water line.

Clerk Report:

Yvette is getting tax figures ready now.

Walk-ins that have business to come before Selectboard:

None

Other:

None

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned 9 PM. Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board

Upcoming Projects:

- Have Selectboard Meeting for Town Committee Leaders
- Review Updates on Town Calendar
- Town Hall Sandwich Board