

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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December 4, 2018

Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Matthew Krebs and Kris Coville – Good Neighbor Fund
- School Buildings and Land-Ownership
- Post Road Bridge Delamination
- Contract for Sand and Gravel with Melletts
- BC/BS Rates
- Committee Reports
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Other:
 - Village Bridge
 - LEOP

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Michelle Warren (Selectboard clerk), June Cook (Hardwick Gazette), Kris Coville and Matthew Krebs were also present.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Jim made a motion to approval the October 16, 2018 minutes as printed, approved.

Matthew Krebs and Kris Coville – Good Neighbor Fund:

Kris and Matthew updated the Selectboard on the VOREC grant application that Craftsbury is applying for. The project will include five trail hubs throughout the town with new/improved parking, hub trail network signs and new kiosks with trail use, natural attractions and information on nearby businesses. Matt described the five locations for the trail hubs. Trail links between the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, Craftsbury Schools Woodlot and also Craftsbury Common to Craftsbury Village will be planned, designed and constructed. The steering committee will be asking for \$100,000 in the VOREK grant. Matthew discussed a \$35,000 interactive website that will be maintained with advertising. If Craftsbury receives the VOREK grant, they are asking \$4,000 to hire a project manager for the project. They are hoping to hear the results in March. Matthew explained that the REDI grant will be paying Gina to write the grant, it wouldn't be coming out of town funds.

As a second phase, if Craftsbury receives the VOREK grant, they would like the to town to offer a 10% match (\$5000) for the Better Connections Grant Program.

The Selectboard suggested that the steering committee put the two requests, for the Good Neighbor Fund, in as warnings in the Town Report so the Town can decide.

School Buildings and Land-Ownership:

Bruce explained that with the uncertainty of a possible school merger, Harry Miller is trying to figure out what school assets the trustees own. Harry will be submitting a \$10,000 request, for the Good Neighbor Fund, on the Craftsbury Town Warning to cover the researching legal fees.

Post Road Bridge Delamination:

The Selectboard will postpone work on Post Road Bridge until springtime.

Contract for Sand and Gravel with Melletts

There was a change in the contract, that the Town will have to pay the 50 cent/yard stripping costs. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed.

BC/BS Rates:

Insurance rates has increased 4 ½ % for BC/BS. The town employees will decide if they choose BC/BS or MVP.

Committee Reports:

Michelle updated the Selectboard on the Mental Health Group plan for a presentation in January.

Susan said the Energy Committee went to a Big Energy Conference with 3 other towns. The Selectboard praised the work the Energy Committee has done.

Road Foreman's Report:

Bruce said the new truck is scheduled to be painted next week. There were a few minor accidents with plowing truck, no injuries.

Salt prices are expected to rise from \$78,000 to \$88,000 in next year's budget.

Clerk Report:

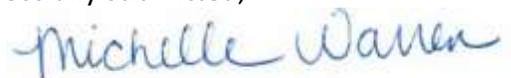
Kingdom Fiber internet was begun at the Town Hall. They ran into some issues though, hopefully will get fixed this week.

Other:

- In order to get the \$10,000 grant to repair the bridge in the Village, an engineering study has to get done. Bruce has been unsuccessful in reaching the state's recommended engineer for almost 2 years now, so he will ask another engineer from St. Albans that he has worked with before.
- Bruce has revised the LEOP (Local Emergency Operating Plan), changing Walt's name to his for right now as a contact person.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM. Next meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board

Upcoming Projects:

- Budget