

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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February 5, 2019

Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Leanne Kinsey and Whetstone Wellness
- Conservation Commission
- Road and Bridge Standards
- MRGP Fees Due June 1st
- ATV Use on Town Road
- Committee Reports and Appointees
- Road Foreman's report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard
 - Free Tax Preparation Service

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Leanne Kinsey, Jessie Upson, Katie Meyer, Lindsay Beer, Jim Flint, Emmett Avery (Hardwick Gazette) and Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk) were also present.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Susan a motion to approve the January 2, 2019 minutes as printed, seconded and approved.

Leanne Kinsey and Whetstone Wellness:

Leanne, Jessie, Katie and Lindsay wanted to let the Town know they were working on permits to turn the first floor of Whetstone Farmhouse into a restaurant with 35-40 seats and occasionally light music. They were planning to be open 5 nights a week from 4-11 PM, with possibly a brunch and lunches after they get established. The upstairs will still have bedrooms to rent plus office space. If the plans go through, they are hoping to be open starting the summer. The Selectboard had concerns on parking, and they explained where they were planning to expand the parking area. The Selectboard suggested they contact their neighbors to let them know. All of the Selectboard were in support.

Conservation Commission:

Tucker Williams will go to a few Conservation Commission meetings, before deciding if he wants to be on the committee.

The Selectboard discussed possible projects or the Conservation Commission, such as identifying invasive plants near the town's summer ditching projects.

Road and Bridge Standards:

Bruce explained that there are new Road and Bridge Standards this year, incorporating the MRGP hydro segments. If we want to be eligible for FEMA emergency funds, we will need to comply.

MRGP Fees Due June 1st :

The MRGP fee raised to \$1590 this year.

ATV Use on Town Roads:

The Selectboard will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 to discuss opening up roads in Craftsbury for ATV Use. They have received numerous requests to open roads up for ATV traffic. Bruce brought samples of ATV ordinances for the Selectboard to look over.

Committee Reports and Appointees:

Susan reminded the Selectboard of the Moonlight Snowshoe on Feb. 16th at the Craftsbury Academy Woodlot.

Michelle said the Mental Health Meeting at the United Church went well, good conversations, information presented, turnout was about 30 people.

Road Foreman's Report:

Town is getting bids for fog lines.

Clerk's Report:

Bruce said the Town Report has been sent to the School for review.

Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard:

Jim Flint let the Selectboard know about the free tax preparation service offered now in Craftsbury for low to moderate income. They just have to call 802-441-3220 to schedule, it's only by appointment. In Craftsbury, it's offered at the Town Hall on Fridays. Michelle said she would put it on the Town's facebook page.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Next meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board