Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes
~Unapproved~
June 18, 2019

Agenda
  o Approve Minutes
  o Diana Hansen & David Kelly – Hunting with Dogs
  o Farley Brown
    • Sterling College Campus Safety Concerns
    • Enhanced Energy Plan Next Steps
    • Black River Streambank Erosion
  o Mission New England
  o ATV Petition
  o Cold Air Return Issue
  o Lamoille Bike Ride
  o Committee Reports
  o Road Foreman’s report
  o Clerk Report
  o Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard
  o Other
    • Fresh Coat Quote

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), Farley Brown, John Zaber, Lydia Pennock, David Kelly, Diane Hanson, Kerry Edmunds, Lark Shields and Julian Sharp were also present.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:
Susan a motion to approve the June 4, 2019 minutes with corrections, seconded approved.

Diana Hansen & David Kelly – Hunting with Dogs:
They discussed issues with the Selectboard that they have had with owners of hunting dogs. They also asked the town about passing a specific animal control ordinance like done in Greensboro.

Sterling College Campus Safety Concerns:
Julian Sharp, outreach coordinator at Sterling College, voiced concerns of the Black Lives Matter sign being stolen recently. He said some students feel unsafe in town and Sterling College would like to work on creating a welcoming background. One of Julian’s pride flags had gotten vandalized on their property as well. He would love to see how to create inclusive space for all people to feel welcome.

Enhanced Energy Plan Next Steps:
Farley explained that the Planning Commission has had their public hearings and has updated the Enhanced Energy Plan to reflect the suggestions given. Now the Town has to schedule a public hearing. Yvette will look into possible dates.

Black River Streambank Erosion
Farley said she had talked with the Silvas next door. They have lost 2-3 feet of streambank on the Black River.
The Silvas are working on an engineering plan for the next steps. The water line that goes to the Town Hall is now uncovered with the eroded streambank. Farley was hoping the Town could help move some of the dirt when needed.

Mission New England:
Roy Ward from Mission New England sent the Selectboard a letter with concerns about the condition of Coburn Hill Road. The extra inoperable junk motor vehicles and the planted trees alongside of the right of way on the Quinn property has created dangerous conditions when passing by. Jim will talk with Donly, who had done work on the Coburn Hill Road.

ATV Petition:
The Selectboard has received an amended ATV petition with 71 signatures (see attached). The Selectboard discussed the petition and will refer to their lawyer before proceeding.

Cold Air Return Issue:
The cold air return was not able to be fixed. It will need a new system at the Town Hall. The Selectboard will look into. The Selectboard will get a plumber to fix the outside shut off valve.

Lamoille Bike Ride:
GRVL Cycling sent the Selectboard a letter to let them know that the Raid Lamoille bicycle ride will be going through from Lost Nation Road onto Page Pond Road on July 20th. The ride benefits the Craftsbury Public Library, Craftsbury Saplings & Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

Committee Reports:
None

Road Foreman’s Report:
Bruce said the grant and aid is due by June 30th. Bruce said the State is offering the same type of grant for next year.

Clerk’s Report:
The generator is all done, they just haven’t ignited the generator yet.

Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard:
None

Other:
• Bruce got a quote from fresh Coat, approximately $500 to do the white lines from the Creek Road up to Allen Road, about $1200 to go all the way to the ball field (for both sides). They require a minimum of $2,500 though. Bruce will check if there are other places that do the white lines with a lower minimum.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 10 PM. Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board
Select men + Select women

We, the signed voters of this petition, request ATV Vehicles (considered Motor Vehicles) by the State of Vermont be given the same rights. All town roads open, posted speed limit of road, no time restrictions.

We want the temporary ordinance changed to include the above and become permanent.

by any means your powers allow
PETITION

This petition is to request the Town of Craftsbury make modifications to the restrictive and exclusive ATV ORDINANCE passed by the Selectboard at the May 7 meeting.

The ordinance as approved includes the following restrictions which we are OPPOSED to:

- removes access for ATV operators to several important town roads,
- restricts the hours of operation of ATVs to between 6 am to 10 pm,
- limits speed to below posted legal limits and
- requires ATV riders to ride single file.

This petition requests MODIFICATIONS to the ordinance to:

- allow access to all town roads which are needed for residents to access town services,
- remove time restrictions to allow residents, including hunters, to access the needed locations and services at hours when they need to,
- allow speed limits to remain as posted to avoid creating driving hazards,
- remove single file requirement which is unnecessary.

The ordinance will go into effect on July 7, 2019.

Signers must be registered voters in the Town of Craftsbury, Vermont and be 18 years of age or older. Sign only one petition. Duplicate signatures will not count.

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