

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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April 2, 2019

Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Solar Companies
- Farley Brown – Flood Plain Map
- Forestry Management Plan
- ATV Ordinance Discussion
- VMERS Retirement Plans
- Forestry Management Plan
- Generator Bids
- Request from Sterling College to Use Common May 2-May 5
- Municipal Road General Permit to Complete by April 1st
- Committees and Commission Reports
- Road Foreman's report
- Clerk Report
- Weight Permits
- Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard
- Other:
 - Track Oval on the Common
 - Energy Fair

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Rudy Chase, Gina Campoli, Victor Veve, Ned Houston, Ted Ceraldi, Amelia Fritz, Ed O'Leary, Farley Brown, Kevin Gregoire, Jim Flint, Norm Hanson, Penelope Doherty, Susan Dudley, Mike Sullivan and Jim Merriam, Susan Dunkley, Yvette Brown (Town Clerk) and Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk) were also present.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Jim a motion to approve the March 12, 2019 and March 19, 2019 minutes as printed, seconded and approved.

Solar Companies

Victor from Green Lantern explained his company and projects they are currently working on. Jim from Norwich Solar Technologies also explained the net metering project he was working on.

The Craftsbury Energy Committee said they have 2 arrays in the town and produce about 53% for the Town Hall and Town Garage, looking for something more. Net metering was discussed.

Mike Sullivan, representative from Hardwick Electric, said net metering is twice as expensive as other available power, such as hydro, nuclear. Fossil fuels is only a small percentage. Regular people end up footing the cost of government subsidies.

Farley Brown – Flood Plain Map:

Farley reminded the Selectboard of the upcoming Planning Commission Hearing on the enhanced energy plan amendment for the Town Plan on April 18. Farley said the Gordon Waterhouse went to the Flood Plain map meeting. Although we are too late to get the maps upgraded in this round she explained, we are on the list for next time flood plain maps are updated.

Forestry Management Plan:

Jim made a motion to approve the Forest Management Plan for Colburn Hill. Motion moved.

ATV Ordinance Discussion:

After discussion, the Selectboard tabled the ATV ordinance discussion for the present time due to concerns of enforcement options.

VMERS Retirement Plans:

They will wait until the next quarter, in July, to get signed up. The Selectboard will work on a policy at a later date.

Jim made a motion that whatever retirement offer is made to VMERS employees, the same retirement amount is offered to other town employees. Moved and seconded.

The Selectboard voted to allow employees to join the Group B plan of the VMERS retirement plan.

Generator Bids:

After discussion, **Jim made a motion to accept Rusty's Electric bid, not to exceed \$10,000 to purchase a generator, with the money coming from the preservation fund. All aye, motion passed.**

Request from Sterling to Use Common May 2-May 5:

Susan explained that Sterling College has retracted the request for now.

Municipal Road General Permit to Complete by April 1st :

Bruce is almost finished with the permit, will send it in soon.

Committee Reports and Appointees:

The Selectboard will appoint committee members at the next meeting

Susan said the VCLT Strengthening Communities conference was great for networking.

Road Foreman's Report:

Road foreman absent, no report given.

Clerk's Report:

Yvette updated the Selectboard on Lister activities.

Weight Permits:

The Selectboard signed the following weight permits: Camp Precast Concrete Products Inc. Harrison Redi-Mix Corp, Walker Construction and Suburban Propane.

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

None

Other:

- Jim Flint said the Academy track & field team would like to have an oval inside the Common done with chalk for them to practice in the Spring. The Selectboard were fine with it, but they suggested talking with the Village Improvement Society first.
- Amelia invited the Selectboard to the Energy Fair on April 17th at the Library with 20 vendors. It will be a family-friendly event with kid games and refreshments from 6:30-8:30 PM.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 10 PM. Next meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Craftsbury Town Hall to work on Town appointees.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board