

# Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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October 29, 2019

## Agenda

- Approve the minutes of the last meeting
- Steve Moffatt-Conservation Fund
- Outside Door
- Health Insurance
- "Conflict of Interest" Policy
- Furnace Update
- Village Bridge Discussion
- Committee Reports & Appointees
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Other Business Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard
- Other

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), June Cook (Hardwick Gazette) and Steve Moffatt were also present.

### Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

**Jim a motion to approve the September October 1, 2019 minutes as printed, seconded and approved.**

### Steve Moffatt-Conservation Fund:

Steve will drop off the document relating to the purpose of the conservation fund, have the Selectboard review it and ask if they have any questions. It is designed similar to other towns.

Steve discussed a seminar with Laura Spence regarding soil samples and knotweed. He also mentioned that Jared Nunnery had a seminar about ash borer beetles, which are already located in Montpelier and Derby. Some municipalities are removing the ash trees proactively in right of ways. After discussing with the Selectboard, the Conservation Commission will ask to collaborate with the Forestry committee to do an inventory of ash trees in Craftsbury.

Steve asked about the status of the ATV signs and Bruce said they had been ordered. Yvette thought they may have just come in. Penelope is working on pictures of damage of ATVs in the river.

### Outside Door:

The Selectboard decided to leave the outside of Town Hall unlocked for now, so people can use the bathroom.

### Health Insurance:

Bruce said there is a 12 ½% increase of insurance this year. He thinks if Craftsbury goes with a similar plan with MVP, they could possibly save 6 ½-7%. Yvette will look into, comparatively.

### "Conflict of Interest" Policy:

**Susan made a motion to approve the VLCT model for policy regarding conflict of interest policy, effective October 2019. Jim seconded, approved.** The Selectboard signed the Conflict of Interest policy.

### Furnace Update:

Bruce got a \$4200 quote for furnace replacement from Wayne Richardson Heating, located in Lowell. If they hung it up,

would be additional \$1800. If they replace the oil tank, also \$1800 extra. Propane estimate was \$9200, probably noisier though. They would like it to be taken out of the Good Neighbor Fund.

Village Bridge Discussion:

Tyler, the engineer had asked Bruce to see how the Town wanted to proceed. The Selectboard continued discussing the options for the Village Bridge. Right now, the bridge is 333 on the list for the state grant in which the town pay only 10% of the bridge, and unfortunately they only do 10-12 bridges/year. It's likely the bridge will only last about 6 years before the bridge is either shut down or weight limits will be placed on the bridge. Bruce will try and find their 2019 review of the bridge. In 2018, 2 sections of the bridge were fair. It will cost \$30,000 for Tyler's design work, the grant will cover 90%, town will only owe 10%. Right now, Tyler's cost is only about \$3000 for his preliminary work.

**After discussion, Jim made a motion to proceed with the bridge design work, in anticipation of town vote. Seconded and approved.**

Committee Reports & Appointees

Michelle said that in October, the Craftsbury Mental Health group participated in a conference held by Vt. Department of Mental Health.

Road Foreman Report:

Bruce said he will check with Steve to see which road to work on next for the Better Back Road grant, due Nov. 22nd. He mentioned Hatchbrook Road is a possibility.

Bruce mentioned that Steve M. is back from vacation, they are getting ready for winter.

Clerk Report:

Yvette mentioned that the pipe outside that is exposed is just an old pipe, not in use anymore.

Yvette said she would be working with Steve on the budget.

The Pacif report is in.

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

None

Other:

None

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next Selectboard Meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board