

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

~approved - Revised~

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

- Approve the minutes of the last 2 Meetings
- Common Wedding Request - Angel Prescott Baraw October 10th
- Use of Common- Anne-Marie Keppel Sept. 20 – socially distant vigil for all the deaths due to Covid-19
- Reeve Basom-Movie Night on the Common
- Weight Permit(s):
Amerigas
- Grass Roots Fund Signed for Energy Committee
- MRGP-Annual Planning report
- Matthew Derr, to layout Plan for Students on Campus
- Land that is under Town of Craftsbury
- Committee Reports & Appointees
 - Craftsbury Equity Team
 - Planning Commission
 - Conservation Commission - Bench
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
 - Digitization of Land Records grant
 - Collection of Taxes Doubled
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board
- Other Business
 - Municipal Gravel Pit follow up
 - Date on Mountain Hill Road
 - Sign for Little Hosmer
 - Thank you to the Town Beach Donation from the Days
 - Renee Rossie Yoga Class

The Selectboard met at Craftsbury Town Hall 7 PM on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk) and Linda Ramsdell were also present.

Approve Minutes of Last 2 Meetings:

Jim made motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020 and July 14, 2020 with one correction. Seconded and approved.

Common Wedding Request - Angel Prescott Baraw October 10th:

The Selectboard approved the request for Chelsea Maskell's wedding on the Common

Saturday, October 10th at 1 PM. Bruce reminded Angel that no alcohol would be allowed. Angel explained that although the wedding is planned on the Common, the reception would be elsewhere. Angel estimated less than 150 people. **The Selectboard approved request for Chelsea Maskell's wedding on the Common.**

Use of Common- Anne-Marie Keppel Sept. 20 -Socially Distant Vigil for All the Deaths Due to Covid-19:

Jim made a motion to approve use of the Common for the Covid-19 vigil September 20th. Seconded and approved.

Reeve Basom-Movie night on the Common:

The Hardwick Area Neighbor to Neighbor youth led team requested using the Common for an outdoor movie night August 10th from 8-10 PM, plus start up time. Viewers would be invited to sit on the lawn using safe distancing. They are considering public domain showings, such as "Safety Last" and "Salt of the Earth".

Jim made a motion to approve Hardwick Area Neighbor to Neighbor youth team's request to use the Common the night of August 10th. Seconded and approved.

Weight Permit(s):

The Selectboard signed a weight permit for Amerigas.

Grass Roots Fund Signed for Energy Committee:

Bruce signed the \$1750 Grass Roots Fund grant awarded to the Craftsbury Energy Committee. Susie explained that originally the Energy Committee planned to use the grant for the window dressing program, but that has been delayed due to Covid-19. Now, the Energy Committee is working on using the grant to help supply firewood to those in need.

MRGP-Annual Planning Report:

Bruce will send out the overdue MRGP report. The Town will also pay the MRGP \$1350 invoice as well.

Matthew Derr, to Layout Plan for Students on Campus:

Susan explained that Matthew would like attend the next Selectboard Meeting August 4th, explaining the layout plan for students on campus at Sterling College. Matthew will invite the public to attend.

Land that is under Town of Craftsbury:

The Town received a request from Dickinson Miller regarding property the Town owned along King Farm Road. The Selectboard decided to contact a few attorneys, to look into options for the Town's three unclaimed parcels.

Committee Reports & Appointees:

Susan made a motion to appoint Linda Ramsdell, Rudy Chase, Lily Dunbar, Mandy Woodley, Cheryl Bailey and Joey Lamare to the Craftsbury Equity Team. Seconded and approved.

There was discussion on the post card, the core team, answering questions from the postcard and the possibility of extending the core team into a broader group.

Susan reported that the Planning Commission met for the first time in three months. She said there is still an ongoing wastewater investigation in the Village. They are hoping for a State representative to visit in September.

Susan mentioned the Conservation Commission is still working on plans for a bench on the Common in honor of Steve Wright.

Road Foreman's Report:

Jim reported that roadside mowing has already begun. Jim said they plan to stay under the \$7000 roadside mowing budget.

They are still waiting on a quote for paving.

The Town Crew is working on bringing gravel to places hit by the flood in October. Bruce explained that once the work is done, the Town can submit payment to the State. Reimbursement isn't expected though until next year.

The Selectboard is hoping the new truck will start to be built next week.

Clerk Report:

Yvette said that she plans to apply for a grant to digitalize land records.

She reported that the Town's tax payments are almost double from same time last year.

A letter was sent out to dog owners who are delinquent for their dog licenses. Emily Thompson has been sent the list of the delinquent dog licenses. The Selectboard discussed inviting Emily to a Selectboard meeting to work on a dog policy/ordinance.

Yvette gave the Selectboard a copy of the income statement to review.

Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board:

None

Other Business:

- Bruce followed up with Tony VanWinkle regarding the municipal gravel pit.
- Bruce followed up with Burt Strong Jr. regarding the gate on Mountain Hill Road. Burt Jr. explained he was attempting to halt inappropriate use of the land by others.
- The Selectboard is still waiting to hear back from the State about adding no camping signage at Little Hosmer.
- The Selectboard took a moment to thank Jean and Lucien Day for donating the beach to the Town many years ago.
- The Selectboard agreed to the free yoga classes on the Common with Renee Rossie 8-9 AM on Wednesdays in August, with a rain date of Sunday mornings.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9 PM. Next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Selectboard Clerk