

**SUMMARY OF TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY ANNUAL MEETING (DRAFT)
MARCH 5, 2024**

Susan Houston read the Town Report dedication to Linda Wells
Meeting started at 11:35am

Motion to suspend reading of the warning, seconded. Voice carried, passed.

Article 1: Moderator — Jeannine Young was nominated, 1 vote cast. Voice carried, passed.

Article 2: Auditors' Report was given by Cheryl Bailey and Michael Waterhouse

Article 3: To elect all Town Officers:

- Select Board Member for a term of 3 years: Alison Blaney and Lucas Schulz nominated. Alison Blaney 88 votes, Lucas Schulz 68 votes.
- Lister for a term of 3 years: Harry Miller nominated. Voice carried, passed.
- Auditor for a term of 3 years: Craig Taylor nominated. Voice carried, passed.
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 5 years: James Jones nominated. Voice carried, passed.
- Trustee of Public Funds for a term of 3 years: Leslie Taylor nominated. Voice carried, passed.
- WWII Memorial Fund Trustee for a term of 3 years: Michael Martin nominated. Voice carried, passed.

Article 4: Authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$960,863.00 of which \$648,292.17 shall be raised by taxes and \$312,570.83 by non-tax revenues? 107 yes/7 no.

Article 5: Appropriate \$65,000 to the Craftsbury Fire Department for payment of necessary expenses from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024? 98 yes/3 no.

Article 6: Appropriate \$10,000 to the Craftsbury Fire Department for paying stipends to its volunteers? Voice carried, passed.

Article 7: Appropriate \$12,400 for the following? Voice carried, passed.

\$1,500 Craftsbury Block Party Fund

\$6,400 Craftsbury Cemeteries, for mowing

\$2,500 Craftsbury Recreation Committee, with \$1,500 allocated to swimming lessons in Greensboro

\$ 500 Craftsbury Historical Society

\$1,500 Craftsbury Village Improvement Society, for maintenance on the Common

TOTAL \$12,400

Article 8: Appropriate \$7,000 for the Craftsbury Conservation Fund, money set aside for future conservation projects? Voice carried, passed.

Article 9: Appropriate \$6,000 for Craftsbury Saplings, a community children’s center? Amendment to original article to reduce the amount to \$1,400 failed with a paper vote of 26 yes/86 no. Original article voice carried, passed.

Article 10: Appropriate \$ 12,000 for Craftsbury Community Care Center, a residential care home providing support to elders? Voice carried, passed.

Article 11: Appropriate \$13,700 for the following? Voice carried, passed.

- \$ 4,500 Greensboro Nursing Home
 - \$ 4,200 Orleans Essex V.N.A. & Hospice for providing services to the elderly, homebound and chronically ill
 - \$ 5,000 Hardwick Area Food Pantry and the expanded Craftsbury Food Share
- TOTAL \$13,700**

Article 12: Appropriate \$ 14,098 for the following? Voice carried, passed.

- \$ 1,000 Aware for preventing and healing the trauma of domestic and sexual violence
 - \$ 1,200 Green Mountain Farm to School, Inc. for providing fresh, local food and nutrition education to students in Northern Vermont
 - \$ 1,500 Lamoille County Mental Health Services
 - \$ 1,000 Lamoille Family Center for parent and child programming services designed to promote health, safe and resilient families
 - \$ 500 North Country Animal League
 - \$ 650 N.E. Kingdom Council on Aging
 - \$ 1,266 Northeast Kingdom Human Services, for supporting community members with mental health, addiction and developmental disabilities
 - \$ 300 Northeast Kingdom Learning Services
 - \$ 1,142 Northeastern Vermont Development Assoc. (NVDA) for planning, developing, promoting and publicizing resources
 - \$ 500 Northwoods Stewardship Center, for widespread conservation and educational services
 - \$ 700 Old Stone House Museum, for maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs
 - \$ 500 Orleans County Fair
 - \$ 500 Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter
 - \$ 1,500 Rural Arts, for supporting programs, activities and projects for Craftsbury families
 - \$ 600 Rural Community Transportation for providing public transportation services in Northern Vermont
 - \$ 500 Salvation Farms for distributing produce from local farms to the region’s residents
 - \$ 140 VT Center for Independent Living
 - \$ 500 VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired
 - \$ 100 VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force
- TOTAL \$ 14,098**

Article 13: Appropriate \$25,880 to the Hardwick Rescue Squad, Inc.? 92 yes/1 no.

Article 14: Appropriate \$47,700 to Craftsbury Public Library? 72 yes/9 no

Article 15: Appropriate \$800 to Orleans County Citizens Advocacy (ConnectABILITIES) for creating and supporting relationships between community volunteers and individuals with developmental disabilities? Voice carried, passed.

Article 16: Shall the Town elect its town officers by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(b)? Tim made a motion to amend the article, excluding the moderator from the Australian ballot, seconded. Amended article voice carried. Paper vote 60 yes/29 no. Amended article passed.

Article 17: Vote to collect taxes July 15, September 15, and November 15. Voice carried, passed

Article 18: Discussion nonbinding business. Barn Dance May 18, Antiques & Uniques is back, July 13. Craftsbury Old Home Day, the 2nd Saturday in August.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Warren
Craftsbury Town Clerk

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