

**TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY**  
**REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
*Tuesday, December 28, 2021*  
*10 AM at Craftsbury Town Hall*

**SELECT BOARD AGENDA:**

- **Action** - Adjustments/Changes to Agenda:  
None
  
- **Action** - Approve of Minutes:  
Bruce and Jim decided to wait until next week to vote on the Dec. 21 minutes.
  
- **Discussion** - Albany Recycling, Philip Beaudry:  
Philip explained that the Albany Recycling has been getting a large influx of residents from Craftsbury. Right now, Albany residents are footing the bill for the recycling section, since Albany offers free recycling for their residents; built into their taxes. Albany residents pay just for trash and tires. Phillip gave the Select Board the annual cost, based on their Northeast Kingdom Waste District per capita fees for their town. Right now, the district handles all their permits, etc. Albany splits 50 50 with Irasburg. If we join, that fee would be 1/3 of the costs instead of the 50 50.

Penelope mentioned that although Craftsbury charges for their recycling, residents didn't have to sort it. In addition, Craftsbury doesn't pay labor to run it like Albany. She explained the separate districts was done a long time ago, not necessarily by the county. They discussed cardboard recycling costs, district fees.

Phillip said many residents on Town Line Road has been using the Albany Recycling facility for years, but it's getting more and more.

Penelope said that Craftsbury doesn't advertise Albany Recycling as an option. She's been advertising All Metals and Wolcott. She also been posting every week on FPF whether open or closed. If Craftsbury runs their own Recycling Center in the future, Penelope said there are a few local people interested in the job.

She remarked that for some people, bring trash and recycling to Albany wouldn't be as cost effective. Penelope said she keeps going back to the carbon footprint of going to Albany, wonder if there is a middle ground.

Penelope said that Morrisville is in the same situation as us, can't leave trash overnight. Right now it goes from Stowe to Morrisville then to Craftsbury, but needs 2 people. Phillip said right now, Albany is looking for an attendant and that he is filling in for now.

Penelope said she can remind Craftsbury residents that Albany's residents are paying for the recycling. She mentioned in order to change Craftsbury's district, would take some time, need to be voted on, lawyers too.

Bruce suggested to have Albany charge Craftsbury residents or refuse Craftsbury residents if that's not possible.

Penelope suggested sending our prices to Albany's Town Clerk, Jim agreed. Jim said to wait until Albany decides before proceeding. Penelope will wait until Craftsbury hears back from Phillip to send out a notice to Craftsbury residents as well. Jim thanked Albany for helping out Craftsbury.

- **Saplings Update** - Melissa Jacobs:  
Melissa was absent, will move agenda item to the next Select Board meeting.
- **Action** - Approval for N2N Grants, Kris Coville:  
This has been postponed to the next Select Board meeting.
- **Action** - Acceptance of Nathalie Jonas for Recreation Committee, Kris Coville:  
This has been postponed to the next Select Board meeting.
- **Discussion** - Budget Preparation:  
Cheryl suggested \$1500 per each Select Board as a stipend in the budget. She also suggested an extra \$1000 for grant writing for Bruce's time.

After receiving notification that the Road Committee is inactive, Bruce suggested not listing it in the Town Report this year.

They discussed having the next bulky day, maybe the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June.

Cheryl suggested having one account for infrastructure and equipment, for the FEMA 19 funds and bridge funds; Jim and Bruce agreed.

- **Action** - Decision on Town/School Meeting - Australian or In Person:  
Bruce said the early January, legislation will be working on this. There is also a webinar on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Committee Reports**:  
The Select Board will wait to appoint Alan Turnbull for their next Regular Select Board Meeting.

- Clerk Report:  
Michelle reported that the Town Clerk's office will only be open until Noon on Friday.
- Road Foreman Report:  
Bruce said town crew is working on plowing and sanding.
- Other Business & Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board:  
\*The Select Board accepted Tony Aoissa's letter of resignation for the listers, ending March 1, 2022.

\*Upcoming January 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Annie Mclean to discuss ARPA funds.

- Decide Next Meeting Date & Adjourn:  
Next Select Board meeting is scheduled 7 PM on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Warren  
Select Board Clerk