

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
SELECT BOARD MEETING *(Approved w/1 correction)*
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall and Zoom

AGENDA MEETING:

- Emergency plan (LEOP) update
- Approval of Minutes
- Weight Permits Signed - Dale Percy, Vaillancourt Transport, Waterbury AmeriGas, Fred's, Scott Brown Trucking, Packard Fuels, Dana Sweet Trucking, and Fred Vance
- American Rescue Plan Act Allocation Funds (percentage of county allocation will come to towns-depending on town population)
- Letter of Support for Sterling College Simpson Hall Renovation
- Grant submitted: Wellness Center/SterlingCollege/Saplings/Food Share/PO letter of support
- Community Development Coordinator (Opportunities Position)
- "Bulky Day" June 5
- Vtrans-Annual Highway Admin Visit Recap
- Renew Zoom Account
- BCN - Services Proposal
- VT Digger-Request Story about Mud Season
- Lamoille Area Health & Human Services Response Command Center Letter
- Kingdom Fiber Outage Letter
- Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force postcard
- BlackBird License Renewal
- Tools for Open Meetings Act Compliance? - Penelope
(Review of Open Meeting regulations during and after covid)
- National Guard on Common April 10th
- Plowing Issue
- Culvert Issue
- Craftsbury Outdoor Center Running Event August 21, 2021
- Committee Appointments
- 2 War World Memorial Committee Replacements
Green Up Day Coordinator Replacement -Suzanne Griffiths accepted
Conservation Commission Replacement
Selectboard, choose chair
- Stark Biddle declined the Road Safety Committee (letter received)
- Village Improvement Concerts permit form, 6-8 PM per Harry Miller
 - June 27 Radio Rangers
 - July 18 Beg, Steal or Borrow
 - August 8th. Mango Jam

- August 22nd VT Bluegrass Pioneers
- Land Discussion
- Committee Reports
- Conservation Commission hosted Jens Hilke from F&W who presented on Act 171 (wildlife connectivity and large forest blocks) which needs to be addressed in next version of the town plan. Parcelization is next big issue for our town.
- Planning Commission did not receive the grant, debriefing, looking to MPG
- Energy Committee is deep into the firewood project and also just received the go-ahead for the Window Dresser Project this year
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board
- Other Business

Present: Bruce Urie, Jim Jones, Susan Houston, Yvette Brown, Michelle Warren, Penelope Doherty & Eric Britton

Present via Zoom: Linda Ramsdell, June Cook, Farley Brown, Kris Coville, Brian Machesney, Michele Miller, Lori Mathez & Polly Allen

Bruce asked to move up the Emergency Plan on the agenda, since Eric was here. A draft of the condensed Local Emergency Management Plan was reviewed. Penelope requested the Neighbor to Neighbor Task Force be added. Bruce explained that he had spoken to Bruce Melendy from NVDA, who helped him with create this plan and Bruce M. suggested putting the Neighbor to Neighbor Task Force in the expanded plan instead because there wasn't a specific place to put the group. Bruce will ask him again to see if they can fit in the Neighbor to Neighbor Task Force in the condensed plan under food section and hopes to have the revised condensed plan ready for signing in the next meeting.

Eric reported the fire department is working possibly adjusting the current antenna placement or if needed, add more antenna to get better communication coverage in town.

Penelope explained that if the Town was able to meet certain requirements, the State aid for the town's portion could kick in from 7.5%, to 12.5% or even 17.5%.

Farley said the planning Commission can help with the hazard litigation plan if needed.

Approval of Minutes:

Jim made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 as printed, seconded and approved.

Weight Permits:

Weight permits for Dale Percy, Vaillancourt Transport, Waterbury AmeriGas, Fred's, Scott Brown Trucking, Packard Fuels, Dana Sweet Trucking & Fred Vance were signed earlier by Jim Jones.

American Rescue Plan Act Allocation Funds:

(percentage of county allocation will come to towns-depending on town population)

At a recent NEK Collaborative meeting, Susan learned about the American Rescue Plan Act allocating funds to Town. Bruce wanted to make sure the Town wasn't going to invest in frivolous grants, costing the town unnecessary funds, Jim and Susan agreed. They will research further for the next Select Board meeting.

Letter of Support for Sterling College Simpson Hall Renovation:

Farley drafted a letter of Support for Sterling College's Simpson Hall renovation. Farley explained it doesn't change the footprint of Simpson Hall.

Jim made a motion to sign the letter of support for Sterling College's Simpson Hall, seconded and approved. Bruce signed the letter of support.

Grant submitted: Wellness Center/SterlingCollege/Saplins/Food Share/PO letter of support:

The Select Board was also updated about a grant submitted for the Wellness Center/Sterling College/Saplins/Food Shair/Post Office project. Sterling College should hear by April 20th about the grant.

Community Development Coordinator (Opportunities Position):

The Select Board asked Farley if she would have the Planning Commission discuss Craftsbury's need of a community development coordinator In connection to possible grants from the American Rescue Plan Act.

"Bulky Day" June 5:

Bruce explained that Craftsbury has participated in group Albany/Irasburg Bulky Days in the past. It helps residents with removal of furniture and barn plastic. Penelope will check with LRSWMD, check on what they will accept in the dumpsters and also their dumpster prices for Bulky Day. Bruce can check with Austin Rubbish as well. Bruce said the dumpsters will need to be booked soon.

Jim questioned if it was worthwhile to also offer a metal dumpster at some point.

Vtrans-Annual Highway Admin Visit Recap:

Bruce said they hope to get \$120,000-\$180,000 from the State, to help with paving. Steve M. is getting a quote on paving the 2.3 miles from Aleta Akerlind's to the town line in East Craftsbury. They are also looking into paving 950 feet split both ends of the Common. They need to also get a quote from Hutchins.

Renew Zoom Account:

Michelle said she checked with Kris Coville, and that the Neighbor to Neighbor has agreed to pay for another year of Zoom for the Town, to be taken out of the Neighbor to Neighbor administrative grant.

BCN - Services Proposal:

The Select Board agreed to the BCN Telephone Proposal. Yvette will send in the renewal.

VT Digger-Request Story about Mud Season:

Vermont Digger sent an email to towns requesting mud season stories. Bruce commented that it seems to be a better year than most for back roads during mud season.

Lamoille Area Health & Human Services Response Command Center Letter:

The Select Board received a letter from Lamoille Area Health & Human Services requesting to be at a Select Board meeting and give a presentation. Bruce said he will email her and ask her to attend the next Select Board meeting.

Kingdom Fiber Outage Letter:

The Select Board received an email from kingdom Fiber, explaining the recent fiber outage.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force Postcard:

Bruce gave Eric the postcard from Vermont Rural fire Protection Task Force regarding dry hydrants.

Blackbird License Renewal:

Jim made a motion the renew the 2 Blackbird Bistro's liquor licenses, moved and approved.

Tools for Open Meetings Act Compliance? - Penelope

(Review of Open Meeting regulations during and after covid):

The Select Board discussed with Penelope the Open Meeting Law. Michelle drafted a summary page with Open Meeting Law information to give to all of the Town Committees, once approved. Susan will work on the draft with Michelle. Penelope would like to look over as well. Linda commented the guidance would be appreciated.

National Guard on Common April 10th:

Bruce said the National Guard will be on the Common April 10th, working with Little League to create benches, etc. April Royan will take care of the publicity.

The Little League has asked if the funds go through the Town. The Select Board will add to the next meeting agenda.

Plowing Issue:

Steve M. is taking care of a plowing issue in East Craftsbury.

Culvert Issue:

Steve M. is working on two culvert issues, Morey Hill Road and also on the Common.

Craftsbury Outdoor Center Running Event August 21, 2021:

The Selectboard received an email requesting permission to hold a Craftsbury Outdoor Center

Running Event August 21, 2021 with 100-150 runners. The Select Board approved the request. Michelle will contact them to let them know.

Committee Appointments:

- 2 War World Memorial Committee Replacements-John Zaber and Eric Britton were chosen for the WW Memorial Committee Replacements
- Green Up Day Coordinator Replacement -Suzanne Griffiths accepted
- Conservation Commission Replacement – the Conservation Commission is working on a list of possible replacements
- Selectboard, choose chair. Bruce said they had decided at the last meeting, that both Bruce and Jim were co-chairs.
- The Select Board received a letter from Stark Biddle declining his Road Safety Committee appointment

Village Improvement Concerts permit form, 6-8 PM per Harry Miller:

The Selectboard approved the Village Improvement Concerts on the Common for the June 27th Radio Rangers, July 18th Beg, Steal or Borrow, August 8th Mango Jam and August 22nd VT Bluegrass Pioneers. All Select Board members signed the form. Michelle will send Harry Miller a copy of the approval.

Land Discussion:

The land across from Eddie Williams is going up for sale for \$110,000. The Select Board discussed if feasible at that price for possible Town Hall in the future. Bruce asked the Planning Commission to discuss it at their next meeting for more input.

Committee Reports

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- Planning Commission did not receive the grant, debriefing, looking to MPG, may need a matching grant.
- Energy Committee is deep into the firewood project, looking for another firewood grant. They also just received the go-ahead for the Window Dresser Project this year.

Road Foreman's Report:

Bruce said the crew is working on mud holes that are popping up.

They picked up the new chloride truck they bought from the Danville Fire Department.

Susan thanked the Town Crew for keeping the parking lot plowed all winter for the Woodlot.

Clerk Report:

Yvette gave the Select Board a list of all the expenditures so far this year in addition to a list of

bills to pay. She also requested borrowing \$150,000 to make it through until taxes come through.

Selectboard approved Yvette's request for the Town to borrow \$150,000.

Yvette handed out Gov. Scott's Proposed Investment of American Recovery Plan Funds for the Select Board to review. The Select Board will look into, also see if it is the same plan as the American Rescue Plan

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

None

Other Business:

- Tim Patterson will be added on the next Select Board Meeting agenda, asking for approval of the Water District Boundary Map.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM. The next Meeting is Tuesday, April 20, at 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall and Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Selectboard Clerk