

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
SELECT BOARD MEETING *(approved)*
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall and Zoom

Present: Bruce Urie, Jim Jones, Yvette Brown, Michelle Warren & Penelope Doherty

Present via Zoom: Judy Davis

Action - Adjustments/Changes to Agenda:

The Select Board added Old Home Day and question regarding Open Meeting Law to the agenda.

Action - Approve of Minutes:

Bruce made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes as printed, seconded and moved.

Action - Weight Permits Sign: Blow & Cote, Inc.:

Jim had signed weight permit for Blow & Cote, Inc.

Action - "Bulky Day" Specifics:

Steve Perkins has offered to work June 19th for Bulky Day, to be the Town crew person handling town equipment. Steve will just trade this for time off. The Select Board decided on the same time as recycling, 9 AM – 1 PM. The Select Board discussed taking tires, will offer but limited number of tires per household. Bruce will check price it will cost the Town for the tires. Penelope offered, and was chosen by Select Board to be the 2nd person helping at Bulky Day. Penelope will work on wording with Ellie at LRSWMD and Suzanne Griffiths to promote the event on FPF. Michelle will then put Bulky Day info on the Town's facebook page and website.

Action - Use of Common Decision - Lucy Hamel June 2, 9, 16 & 30, 8 AM:

The Select Board received a Use of Common request from Lucy Hamel June 2, 9, 16 & 30 for Pilates on the Common at 8 AM. **Bruce made a motion to approve the request, seconded and approved.**

Action - Use of the Common Decision- May 29 - Common Worker Bee, 8 AM - Noon by Village:

The Select Board received a Use of Common request from Village Improvement Society for their Worker Bee May 29th 8 AM – Noon. **Bruce made a motion to approve the request, seconded and approved.** The Select Board took a moment to thank the volunteers, such as Harry Miller and John Brodhead, who help with this upkeep on the Common.

Action - Consent Form Water District #2, response from Angela Ross:

Angela sent an email with a few corrections she suggested on the Consent Form for Water District #2. **Bruce made a motion to accept Angelas's responses and sign the consent form with Angela's corrections, seconded and approved.** The Select Board requested that the corrections be sent to Tim Patterson so they can later sign the revised consent form.

Action - Discuss and act on unlicensed dog list:

Yvette has sent over the unlicensed dog list to Emily Thompson, Craftsbury's dog warden. The Select Board remarked that the list is smaller than in past years.

Action - Review and act on PACIF Risk Management Report:

The Select Board reviewed the Pacif insurance recommendations for the Town Hall and Town Garage. Yvette has already replaced one battery for the emergency exit sign, the last battery needed has been ordered. The propane tanks have been taken out already. The Town Crew had a few areas such as a frayed extension cord and hazard procedures to work on. Bruce said the Fire Department will help with the hazard procedures.

Discussion - Vt. Rural Dev. Council Committee Resource & Recovery Core -Penelope Doherty:

Correction on the name Vt Council on Rural Development --Community Response and Recovery Corps. Penelope said

Tim Fritz & Deb McKinley had also attended their recent meeting. Discussions centered on after the pandemic, how will people move forward, what will they need, what are people worried about. It's a think tank for community resources and recovery. Penelope asked the Select Board to let her know if there are any topics the town would like her to participate in for more information. Neighbor to Neighbor, mental health and energy topics were suggested.

Information - Lamoille Solid Waste Update- Penelope Doherty:

Penelope said the LRSWMD meets every second Tuesday of the month. Ella from LRSWMD also talks on the radio every Thursday, just let Penelope know if there is anything for Craftsbury to put on. Penelope said that the hazardous household waste in Morrisville was very successful, 361 cars in all, 9 from Craftsbury.

Penelope reported that the Craftsbury Transfer station will be closed this Saturday. She will put out a notice on FPF for Friday. Although the recycling battery pilot project has phased out, she noted that the Craftsbury Transfer station accepts most batteries, up to 11 pounds.

Judy Davis said that Stowe separates their recyclables, believes it is a cleaner process, easier to find buyers for the product. Albany sells plastic #5, they may have a local buyer. LRSWMD does not take plastic #5. Penelope will discuss Judy's concerns with LRSWMD.

Committee Reports:

Susan said the bench is complete, with \$150 from the Town, Steve Moffatt paid for the rest. The Conservation Commission asked where to place the bench on the Common. Bruce recommended letting the Village Improvement to place it for the first time, it may have to be moved during mowing.

Susan said she's excited that the Craftsbury students are visiting the Craftsbury Woodlot, with Jared Nunery facilitating, and that the Woodlot is a great town resource.

Susan updated that the Hatchbrook piece is in the process of a plan.

The Select Board discussed the Planning Commission's meeting with Ted Brady. Ted, the New Executive Director of VLCT, hopes to be able to help small towns like ours navigate through the American Rescue Plan Act. Susan remarked that Ted recommended not to rush on a plan, it should be deliberate and thoughtful. The deadline is in 2024. Towns should start thinking about the big and small picture.

Michelle said the Mental Health Resource Group is working on updating their booklet.

Susan said the funds will be running out for the Soup Supper in June. The Neighbor to Neighbor will be shifting their meetings quarterly after July.

Clerk Report:

Information – Newport News sent us an email, asking us to review their information about Craftsbury. Yvette and the Select Board made corrections and Yvette will email Newport News the updated information.

Road Foreman's Report:

Sand is up, 6600 yards. Gravel being crushed.

Brian Sanville will be starting roadside mowing sometime in July, staying within budget.

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

Information - Bruce said he checked with the Fire Department, and they are on board with having Old Home Day the second Saturday in August. The Select Board will put approving the date for Old Day on the agenda for the June 1st meeting.

Information - Bruce commented that first responders are needed in Town. It requires 72 hours of training. The Fire Department is considering offering a stipend, once training is completed.

Information - Judy Davis said this past weekend over 30 ATVs went by her home. Bruce suggested she contact Albany, which allows ATVs, to put up a sign such as “no ATVs beyond this point”. Bruce had done that on his property, which borders Albany. He said they still ride by his place though. Bruce said he will also try and contact the Albany Select Board as well.

Discussion – There was a question, on projects being done by some of the people on a Town Committee, if the same open meeting law rules. For smaller jobs/research being done within committees, Penelope suggested calling them projects, instead of subcommittees to avert open meeting agendas, minutes, etc. The projects have to involve less than a quorum however, and no actions taken.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

The next Meeting is Tuesday, June 1, at 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall and Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Selectboard Clerk