

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
SELECT BOARD MEETING *(approved with correction)*
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Kris Coville, Jodi Smith, Emmett Avery & Penelope Doherty

AGENDA:

- **Action** - Adjustments/Changes to Agenda:
The Select Board moved Old Home Day Discussion to the top.
- **Discussion**-Jodi and Kris-Old Home Day:
Since it will be the 100th year since Old Home Day started, Jodi & Kris are planning a special year, possibly fireworks, possibly extending to the night.
- **Action** - Approve of Minutes:
Bruce made a motion to approve minutes, with one correction. Susan seconded, motion moved.
- **Action** - Floodplain bylaws, Farley Brown:
Farley was unable to attend the meeting tonight. The Select Board will add to July 6th agenda instead.
- **Action** - Decide if appointments still need to be made for searches
The Select Board decided to let the Town Clerk leave appointments to their discretion.
- **Action** - Approve Weight Permits
Since weight permits were due in May, The Select Board decided to take it off the agenda until next year.
- **Action** - Approve Use on the Common Permits:
 - A request from Tom Silva to use the Common for women's pick up soccer Mondays and Wednesdays nights from 5:30-7 PM. The Selectboard has approved the request, however the Common Use form needs to be filled out first.
 - The Little League season exhibition game is scheduled June 26th from 9AM to Noon, just added to their other games on their previous Common Use form. The Selectboard approved the request.
 - Michelle Miller requested to use the Common Thursdays 9-10 AM for Tagi. The Selectboard has approved request, however the Common Use form needs to be filled out first.

- **Action** - Approve Letter of Intent to Participate in the Municipal Roads Grant-in-aid Program:
Bruce made a motion for the Select Board to approve the Letter of Intent to participate in the Municipal Roads Grant-In Aid program, Susan seconded. All ayed. Motion approved.

- **Action** - Decide on Continuing Meetings in Zoom:

Susan remarked that as of today, towns are not required to continue Zoom meetings, as long as they offer in person meetings. The Select Board decided to only have in person meetings, unless large meetings are expected or as needed. Susan noted that committees are welcome to continue to Zoom at the Town Hall.

Bruce made a motion to move away from using Zoom for Select Board meetings, unless a special meeting. Susan seconded. All aye, motion moved.

- **Action** - Review/approve statement by Hilary Maynard:

Susan read Hilary's statement:

"Thank you for welcoming the statement at tonight's meeting. Despite the timeline and scope of racial justice, equity, and community building work that I presented the last time I attended the select board meeting, it has been quite challenging to stick to the plan. I won't make excuses; school has taken up much of my energy, and that, combined with the farm, stalled my communication, and thus I am here holding some accountability for myself. Building community takes time, I know, and so I am asking for a generous extension of the timeline I initially presented. Rather than the work really getting off the ground in March or April, I'm expecting it to get off the ground in July. I'm going to use the original plan as a framework moving forward, just shifting the time. Thank you so much for sharing the valuable survey results; these will provide great fodder for the action plan. And thank you again, for the select board meetings time to getting curious and exploring what this is really about.

I simply don't have time to dedicate to such meaningful work until next week. This is a formal ask to push the original proposal to a start date of July 1. I will be reporting out to the select board at your first July select Board gathering. Thank you all so much for your consideration and understanding in advance."

Bruce moved to move the start day to July first, Susan seconded. Motion passed.

- **Action** - Set Tax Rate:

After talking with Yvette earlier, Michelle suggested setting the town's tax rate Tuesday, June 29th because it gives more time for current use to come through. The Select Board scheduled a meeting at 10 AM June 29th to set the Tax Rate.

- **Discussion** - Village Cemetery Concern letter - Sharon Reed:

Jim read Sharon's letter concerning the upkeep of the Village Cemetery. He will talk to Carolyn Ryan, to see if maybe the cemetery could pay the Santamores to trim some of the brush on the backside.

Sharon also mentioned one Vermont town cleans 20 stones a year. It was noted that although the Town votes to contribute to each cemetery, the Town doesn't own the cemeteries. Jim will also talk to Carolyn Ryan about that too. Afterwards, as requested by Sharon Reed, he will get in touch with Patty Martin.

- **Discussion - Academy Woodlot Road, expand parking area:**
Susie shared the map of the School Woodlot on Wylie Hill Road. She explained they are working on expanding the parking a little on the right side. The Select Board allowed Susan's requested for cars to park at the end of the road if needed, since the road doesn't allow motor vehicles beyond the Woodlot. Bruce suggested letting new owners of Sandy Stare's property know about the parking at the Woodlot, as a courtesy.
- **Discussion - Town Hall Chimney Repair:**
The Select Board walked around the Town Hall and discussed concerns on the chimney brick, and near the eaves in several places. They are asking a few contractors for quotes to do the work.
- **Information - Free Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Training from VLCT and NLC**
Online trainings are scheduled for June 21st and June 28th from 3:00 to 5:30, and July 14th from 3:00 to 4:30.
Michelle will check, to see will be able to tape the training because the Select Board is not able to attend all of the sessions. Susan would like this agenda item to be put on the next Select Board meeting.
- **Information -Raid Lamoille Bike Ride July 17th, starting at the Outdoor Center. 150 bikers, unless State restrictions lift. To benefit Craftsbury Saplings**
The Raid Lamoille Bike ride emailed information about their ride and also their insurance information. The Outdoor Center had called as a courtesy, to let us know about the event.
- **Information - ARPA WEBINAR: Accessing Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:**
Penelope offered to watch the webinar and take notes for the Select Board. The Select Board was not able to attend.
- **Committee Reports:**
Kevin Gregoire from the Energy Committee emailed to inform the Select Board of their new member Sten Seeman.

Jim said the Forestry Committee did the Common Tree walk a few weeks ago and it went well.

Kris Coville explained the N2N committee is changing their meetings to once a month now, then later in the fall, change to quarterly meetings.

- Clerk Report:

Michelle mentioned Yvette will be on vacation starting June 30th.

- Road Foreman's Report:

Bruce reported the Road Crew is putting gravel on Morey Hill Road right now. West Hill and Denton Hill to be worked on next.

They have two grants for work on Morey Hill Road. Also, a culvert needs to be replaced on Morey Hill Road.

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

- Jim asked to put delinquent taxes and the unclaimed landlocked parcels on the next Select Board Meeting in July.
- Penelope said she has 3-4 volunteers helping with Bulky Day. Bruce said he would bring change that morning. Jim will be there to help with the set up Saturday.

Penelope said the Transfer station will only be open every other week into July due to a staffing shortage. Penelope will ask Elly from LRSWMD to come to one of the Select Board meetings.

- Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Next regular Select Board Meeting is 7 PM on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at Craftsbury Town Hall. The Select Board will also meet 10 AM Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at the Craftsbury Town Hall to set the tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Select Board Clerk