

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 17, 2021
7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall
Approved

Present: Jim Jones, Bruce Urie, Susan Houston, Steve Marckres, Ross Davis, Rudy Chase, Penelope Doherty, Hilary Maynard and Michelle Warren

AGENDA :

Jim called meeting to order at 7 pm

- **Action - Adjustments/Changes to Agenda:**
Jim moved Ross up to the top and later moved Rudy to the top.
- **Action - Approve of Minutes:**
Bruce moved to accept the Select Board minutes of July 20, 2021, as printed, Susan seconded. All aye, motion passed.
- **Action - Ross Davis - New Signage Needed Big Hosmer Boat Access:**
Ross said the parking at Big Hosmer has been a parking problem for years, just a hard time getting boats in and out of there. He had already spoken to Walt, Eric, Jeremiah, State, etc. about it. Ross suggests getting signage "No Parking" for the area to unload the boats, and then "parking" signs along the side of the road. Penelope had concerns about putting up signs in public access. Steve mentioned the old road through there hadn't been thrown up, still a class 3 unmaintained road. **Bruce made a motion for the town to provide parking signage for fishing access at Hosmer, Jim seconded. All aye, motion passed.**
- **Rudy – NEK Broadband Update:**
Rudy handed a media release for the Select Board from the NEK Broadband, released just yesterday. Rudy said they have gotten about \$276,000 in funding. They mostly have volunteer positions, but some paid positions like project managers. 5,200 utility poles need to get inspected. 46 towns in all, are involved with the NEK Broadband. Every town has a primary representative and also alternative. Rudy said to let him know if you have any questions.
- **Discussion - Hilary Maynard - Equity Update:**
Hillary reported that she had a meeting with fellow equity worker Laura Smith. They both were hired by the school district this year as equity coaches. They reviewed the Craftsbury equity surveys, will give a comprehensive report at a later date. She felt Old Home Day was a wonderful place where community was able to meet together. She suggests hosting an event, such as a bingo event, maybe this fall, covid dependent. She feels it could attract a lot of different people from different corners in town, plus have good time. It would offer a

good foundation to begin. Not sure of the amount of money needed to run it, maybe a few hundred dollars. They also considered borrowing bingo equipment; Barb Strong used to run bingo at the Care Center. Steve said they used to have bingo at the Catholic Church for years.

- Road Foreman's Report:

Bruce said they had sent a letter to the Mellets, explain the gravel pit pricing. He will send Michelle a copy of it.

Rudy commended the Town Crew for all the work they've done on Morey Hill. He noticed a stop sign is missing at the end of Morey Hill Road, just wanted Steve to know.

- Action -Town Hall Chimney Repair:

Bruce talked to Keith, whoever got to front end first will be doing those repairs, so it doesn't hold up the painting. Their recommendation is to take the full chimney down. Would be difficult to latch to the wall.

Jim said the power vent would be under \$3500, needs to be done before cold weather.

Bruce move to remove the chimney , install power vent and repair soffits at the Town Hall, Jim seconded. All aye, motion passed.

- Discussion - Used Safe for Town Hall:

Bruce will place an ad to VLCT.

- Discussion - Procedure for Finding New Town Committee Members:

Michelle gave the Select Board of a sample she found for FPF posts on asking for new Committee Members. Susan will work on it.

- Discussion - Village Bridge, is it on the State Program:

Bruce confirmed that Craftsbury is still on the NVDA bridge list. Last he knew, we were about #333 on the list.

- Discussion - Loader Options:

Jim said that the Town should get about \$120,000 from the Halloween storm. Both the grader and loader will come due close to each other. If we have 2 big ticket items come up at the same time later, Jim felt it would be more expensive for taxes overall. Steve said, if they were to trade, the loader was a better option, which was bought in 2012.

There's \$67,000 in our account right now from the storm, almost another \$60,000 expected to come in plus approximately \$7800 for the state share of FEMA. Steve said one quote for a new loader was \$112,000 and another for \$118,00, including trade in. He is working on getting a CAT quote as well.

- Committee Reports:
 - New Member Conservation Commission
Susan will work on with Steve Moffatt to post on FPF.
 - Energy Committee - Request New Members Sten Seemann and Craig Taylor
Bruce make motion to approve Sten Seemann and Craig Taylor, Susan seconded. All aye, motion passed.
 - Website Committee-Review VLCT Social Media Policy
Michelle gave them a draft of the VLCT Social Media Policy for Craftsbury, recommended by the Craftsbury Website Committee. They will review and decide at a future meeting.
 - Old Home Day Update
They decided to add a port-a-potty in the budget next year for the Common. Bruce will check with Harry Miller about the location.
 - Forestry Committee Update
Bruce made a motion to accept The Forest Management Plan for Craftsbury Town Forest on Hatchbrook Road, Susan seconded, all aye, motion passed. The Forestry Committee still needs to sign the plan. Jim mentioned a walk is planned October 23 for the Hatchbrook Town Forest.

- Clerk Report:
Clerk was absent, no report given.

- Other Business & Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board:
 - Paving Contract Pike Industries
The Select Board reviewed the Pike Industries paving quote for \$239,950. They will meet tomorrow night to approve the quote.
 - Trash Update – Penelope Doherty
Penelope stated the Solid Waste Management was impressed with our 25 tons collected on Bulky Day. She discussed possible ARPA funds for trash disposal. They discussed alternative locations if needed in the future.
 - ARPA Funds
Penelope suggested having an ideas meeting soon. Although the State hasn't decided on the eligibility criteria, they do have 4 categories so far.

The Select Board will put on the agenda in the fall. They would like to have a meeting with VLCT

first.

- Young Bridge

The Select Board mentioned some work needs to be done on the Young Bridge. They discussed collaborating with the Outdoor Center for the project.

- Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Emergency Select Board meeting is scheduled Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Next regular Select Board is scheduled Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Warren, Select Board Clerk