

# TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall

**Present:** Jim Jones, Bruce Urie, Susan Houston, Michelle Warren, Ned Houston, Penelope Doherty, Daniel Solomon and Jane Solomon.

## AGENDA :

- **Action - Adjustments/Changes to Agenda**

Susie asked for some adjustments to the agenda, Hatchbrook should be under committee reports. Since Ned is here to talk about library and generator, should move him up along with Energy Committee window dressing discussion. Bruce and Jim agreed and adjusted the agenda.

- **Action - Approve of Minutes**

Bruce made a motion to approve the August 17, 2021 minutes as printed, seconded, and approved. Bruce made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes as printed, seconded, and approved.

- **Discussion - Library generator, ARPA funds - Ned Houston**

Ned said the Library got an estimate for a 14w propane generator from Fred's. They have a potential grant for \$5,000, still would owe another \$5,000. Ned suggested possibly ARPA money for emergency backup on the Common. Penelope discussed emergency status possibly needed for grant. Bruce suggested the Library also get a quote from Russ Electric. Bruce said the Fire Department is also looking into a school generator for emergencies with the ARPA funds.

- **Discussion - Energy Committee-Window Dresser Project**

Ned explained that due to Covid-19 increases and concerns of going into people's houses to measure and also workshops, the Energy Committee has been hesitating to go forward with the Window Dressing Project. The Window Dressing organization is having a board meeting this Friday. If they do go ahead, will need to make sure everyone masked or vaccinated. The Select Board agreed that it should depend on the energy committee volunteers comfort level.

- **Action - Approve Craftsbury VLCT Social Media Policy**

Bruce made a motion to approve the Town of Craftsbury Social Media Policy, Susie seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Bruce made motion for Michelle to be primary municipal agent, Susan seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Michelle will put on file on the website and also post on FPF.

- **Action - Approve Trails Grant-Matt Krebs, Trails Committee**  
No one appeared, will put on the next agenda.
- **Action - Approve Use of Common Form - Nami Walk & Yellow Tulip Project**  
Bruce moved to approve the Use the Common form for the Nami Walk & Yellow Tulip Project on October 9, 2021, all in favor, motion passed.
- **Action - Planning for Public Meeting to Discuss ARPA Dollars**  
Bruce said he will be going to a VLCT meeting regarding ARPA. Susan will be going to a meeting in Wolcott this week. After discussion, they commented they would like Katie from VLCT to be a facilitator for the Town's ARPA meeting. Susan said the Select Board should invite town committees.
- **Update - Loader options**  
Bruce said that Steve M. thinks they should try out the John Deere and Volvo loaders first before setting up a hearing. Bruce will follow up with the State of Vermont, to see if a town hearing is necessary.
- **Update - State Payment Received \$59,974.40 - RMR ER0151INV1**  
Bruce confirmed that the Town received the funds.
- **Update - Town Hall Painting and Outside Repairs**  
Scraping has started on the Town Hall. The Select Board discussed replacing clapboards, decided to wait for now.
- **Update - Placing Ad VLCT for Used Safe in Town Hall**  
Bruce has placed the ad asking for a used safe at the Town Hall. It will go out in next month's publication.
- **Update - Signage Big Hosmer**  
Jim said the Fire Department was going to put up something for the hydrant. They didn't want to have any signage on the road. They discussed the town section, to see if maybe they could have some half moon areas for turning around.
- **Discussion - Eligo Beach**  
The Solomons asked permission to remove the fire pits, that appear but aren't permitted on the Town Beach. The Select Board granted permission and mentioned Steve P. has been removing trash at the Beach, to let them know if they needed extra help.
- **Update - Young Bridge Status**  
Bruce has been in touch with David at the Outdoor Center. They discussed possibility of ARPA funds for the bridge.

- **Update - Scheduling VLCT Meeting to Discuss ARPA Funds**  
The Select Board already had discussed earlier in the meeting.
- **Review- Salvage Yard Renewal Permit -Paul & Carole Hodgdon**  
The Select Board reviewed the Salvage Yard renewal for Paul & Carole Hodgdon, information only.
- **Review- Compass Minerals De-Icing Salt Quote**  
The Town had received quote for Compass Minerals for salt. More quotes are expected later. Bruce mentioned that the company has had salt issues with the State.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Discussion - Hatch Brook FMP recommendations on removing invasive honeysuckle**  
Susan had read the Hatchbrook Plan, and asked who would be responsible for removing the honeysuckle invasives. They discussed hiring a contractor to get rid of. Michelle will ask Jared for copy of the Coburn Hill Plan and Hatch Brook Plan.
  - **Discussion - New Member Conservation Commission**  
Susan had posted the Conservation Commission position on FPF. One person responded, and she sent the information to Steve Moffatt. Susan said the Conservation Commission will make a recommendation to the Select Board after their next meeting.
  - **Discussion - Trash**  
The Select Board discussed with Penelope a possible plan b, in case the town needs it, for trash. Penelope has talked with Susan at LRSWMD, to look at 2 possible locations. Penelope said LRSWMD have lost even more staff, likely more closures. She will be working on informational tidbits, once a month. Penelope said that maybe they can purchase a site from ARPA funds.
- **Clerk Report**  
Michelle reported Effie was feeling better, back to work.
- **Road Foreman's Report**  
Bruce reported that they just finished Hatchbrook Road using grant and aid money plus Better Roads Grant. Bruce said hopefully \$40k coming back after all the paperwork is filled out.

- **Other Business & Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board**
  - Bruce said the VLCT Annual Meeting is in person Sept 29<sup>th</sup> then virtual Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Voting delegates will be Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. **Jim make amotion for Bruce to be voting delegate, Susan seconded. All aye. Motion passed.**
  - Michelle mentioned Don Houghton is working on a Historical Society project, asking people to just talk to him for 5 minutes, about why they moved to Craftsbury.
  - Margie Ramsdell had contacted Michelle, asked for a speed limit sign on Wylie Hill Road. The Select Board will research further.
  - Michelle will put Chris Rabe on the next agenda, regarding speeding on Mill Village Road.
- **Decide Next Meeting Date & Adjourn**

Next Select Board Meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Warren