

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 20, 2022
7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Jim Jones, Bruce Uri | Gina Campoli, Brian Machesney, Michelle Warren

SELECT BOARD AGENDA

- **Action** – Call Meeting to Order
Jim Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- **Action** – Adjustments/Changes to Agenda
None
- **Action** – Approve Minutes of December 6, 2022, Regular Select Board Meeting
Jim motioned to approve the minutes. Bruce seconded; all aye. Motion passed.
- **Discuss** – VOREC Grant | Sterling Trail / Parking Signage – Craftsbury Trails Committee Chair Gina Campoli
Two items to discuss:
 1. grant through state (VOREC)
 2. update on the work that includes Craftsbury trails website, logo, signage and a kiosk
 - Proud [of website](http://www.craftsburytrails.info); URL: www.craftsburytrails.info
 - Ski – snow mobile- -- snowshoeing – bike riding – hiking
 - Outdoor recreation extends beyond the Outdoor Recreation Center
 - Lots to do here and ways to recreate
 - Place where local people can go
 - Need to market website

The [VOREC Community Grant Program](#) was created to help Vermont communities fully leverage their local outdoor recreation assets to become true ‘outdoor recreation friendly communities.’ Chair Campoli updated Select Board members on current projects by the group and efforts to obtain funding through the state VOREC – Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative – grant program. Grant application is due January 2023; group has already submitted a letter of intent to secure placement on potential recipient list. Its grant application will include a proposed budget based on the \$24K estimated Sterling Trail improvement and trail/parking signage costs. *(Established by Act 194 in 2018, the VOREC grant program was established to assist municipal entities in supporting their outdoor recreational efforts. The program was expanded to include non-profit organizations with a \$50,000 minimum and with no maximum potential award.)* The [Craftsbury Trails Committee](#) is active with Planning Commission work on the Craftsbury Master Village Plan, focusing on trails and a trail connection between the Common and the Village. It also is working with willing landowners to develop trail connections between the Common and East Craftsbury. The goal: to ensure people can get to the Village safely on foot, skis, snowshoes, bicycle, etc. Group wants community to be involved in the design, look, feel. Will spread the word: post on FPF, FB, network with local recreational and sports groups. If grant is approved, will need plenty of volunteers. Trail Committee will work with Town Clerk on grant application, submission.

Planned Project Components:

1. Sterling Trail -- designated improvement areas
2. Branded Signage for Craftsbury Trails/Dustan Field parking signs

- 3. Trail Signs: at the Common (4) - (24" x 24")
- 4. Trail Signs: 6" wide
- 5. Info on Trails Signage: posted around town and at businesses: (12" x 18"); can be posted or wall-mounted; for businesses, orgs, library, towns to spread the word; contains QR code
- **Action** – ARPA Broadband Expansion | Brian Machesney
The Select Board entered Executive Session at 7:39 pm; Executive Session ended at 7:47 pm. No action. Item to be added to Regular Select Board Meeting agenda for January 17, 2023.
- **Discuss** – Mitigation Plan Update | Penelope Doherty
Item postponed until January 17 2023 Regular Select Board Meeting.
- **Action** – Approve 6% Pay Raise
Item postponed until final budget adjustments completed; agenda item for December 29 meeting; Thursday at 10 am.
- **Clerk Report**
P & L QB Statement – brief P&L statement
- **Road Foreman Report**
None
- **Committee Reports**
Park and Trails Committee – already provided
- **Upcoming Projects to Keep on Agenda**
 - Update** – Bruce Urie and Sara Davies discussed unclaimed land; awaiting word from Sara
 - Update** – Bruce contacted Harry Miller for Dickinson Miller; will inform brother town will keep land
 - Update** – Process to throw up Class 4, TH 23: Bruce awaiting response from VTrans contact
 - Update** – Meeting date with Greensboro and Glover to consider part-time grant writer
 - Update** – Letter of support Half Moon Movement & Healing Arts, Susan Houston - completed
 - Update** – Animal Control Ordinance, Michelle emailed draft to Kelly Carpenter; awaiting response
 - Update** – Date for Susan Clark Meeting is January 10 11 AM (postponed)
Details and logistics of the meeting to be finalized/determined; can be a day or night meeting; or both. Must be advertised. Date to be selected following the holidays.
 - Update** – Common Cemetery Fence – no further information
 - Update** – Antiques & Uniques for 2023
Met with two different coordinators; no decision made; after first of year. Net profit?
Restarting may not be able to meet target in first year.
- **Other Business & Walk-ins With Items to Come Before the Select Board**
None.
- **Decide Next Meeting Date & Adjourn** – next meeting is at 7 pm January 3, 2023; meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Hudson
Select Board Clerk