

# **TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023  
7PM | CRAFTSBURY TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Susan Houston, Bruce Urie | Penelope Doherty, Ned Houston, Michelle Warren

## **Meeting Agenda**

Bruce Urie called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

Move solar discussion up to top; HazMitPlan; Permit; Auditor Letter; Bulky Day

- **Action – Approve Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2023**

**Susan Houston motioned to approve minutes of the May 2 regular meeting; Bruce Urie seconded. All aye. Motion passed.**

- **Discussion – Energy Committee (Ned Houston)**

Discussion of Solar-Savings process; billing. The Energy Committee is pleased with credit information; must view more than just solar credit. Perhaps an annual accounting; data could show costs with/without solar number of KWh. Hydroelectric and State changed some calculations re: Efficiency Vermont write-offs. No longer can have a zero bill; probably last time Town will see a \$0 billing from Hardwick Electric Generating about two-thirds of what we use; \$2500 a year going forward. Energy Committee encouraged by that. Garage and Town Hall use a fair amount of electricity. Doesn't vary much over the years; winters are surprisingly not that much. Different. September seems to be the best month: not cold and not trying to take care of trucks. Encouraging and pleased; will continue additional conservation efforts. Good concrete numbers.

- **Admin – Raid Lamoille Bicycle Ride: July 15**

Annual ride through town.

- **Discussion – Solid Waste Update**

Solid waste district update; at meeting this month. Rate hike going into effect July 1 (\$1/bag). Still lower than all the other facilities. Waiting to post on FPF.

- **Discussion – LHMP / Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Penelope Doherty)**

Haven't made forward movement on pending items. Will get in motion within next few months. Can't recall any that were time-sensitive. Received notice that State has approved/accepted the Town LEMP – Local Emergency Management Plan. State reviewed it. Next year will be more organized.

- **Discussion – Bulky Day Planning**

June 17<sup>th</sup>. | coordination of volunteers; will do same as last year. Containers are ordered. Signage. :  
Time: 9 am to noon.

- **Discussion – Permit Re: Paul Hodgdon**  
No longer has store.
- **Discussion – Village Culverts**  
Discussions with septic businesses; will bring camera. Will notify Planning Commission Chair of timing as requested.
- **Admin – Auditor Letter**  
Sign letter to allow auditors access to bank accounts.
- **Discussion – Radar Sign**  
Packaging and shipping logistics; just the off back of sign. Susan to send.
- **Admin – Recreation Committee (Road Closure: May 19 for Bike Night)**  
Recreation Committee provided its calendar of events. Reviewed.
- **Discussion – Roadside Mowing | Question on Timeframe**  
Residents are asking when: will start some time around third week in July/early August. Also planned to high brush, over guardrails.
- **Weight Permits**  
None.
- **Committee Reports**  
Note: notice sent to all committees regarding on-line meeting tech training and process to follow,
  - *Conservation Commission* – Brian Machesney resigned; will have to replace
    - *Tools of the Trade* – June 19; will start advertising next week
    - *Bioblitz* – moving forward
  - *Energy Committee* – library solar project completely installed. Window Dressers – have done 27 homes measured 164 inserts. Sustainable firewood/firewood almost complete; dates for window dresser workshops: October 23 – November 1. Ten days: free town workshop.
  - *Recreation Committee* – reports submitted; calendar of events
  - *Freedom & Unity Task Force* – getting organized
  - *Municipal Forestry Committee* – met last week; meeting minutes posted.
  - *Planning Commission* – survey organization; meeting tomorrow
  - *Mental Health* – next week
- **Clerk Report**
  - Paving started.
  - P&L – good news: Union Bank Account funds transferred to checking. Discussion. By end of the year should have \$30K-\$35K grant funding received.
  - Alarm Company – repaired alarm.
- **Road Foreman Report**  
Sand is done. Cycle back for crushing, etc. Work on grading started. Highway Safety Improvement Program grants available; will submit application – upgrading signage (enlarge) numbers/costs TBD.

- **Upcoming Projects to Keep on Agenda**

- Electricity on the Common
- Triggers for Opening the Emergency Shelter, Providing Assistance, Activating N2N
- Group Process: Throw Up Class 4,TH 23, Bruce Awaiting Word from VTrans
- VOREC Grant: Upgrade Sterling Trailing; Parking Signage - Gina Campoli
- Appreciation Certificates
- Act 172 Municipalities
- Assessing Spaces and Needs

- **Other Business & Walk-ins With Business to Come Before the Select Board**

- **Decide Next Meeting Date & Adjourn**

Next meeting June 6, 2023, at 7 pm at Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Hudson  
Select Board Clerk