

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
7PM | CRAFTSBURY TOWN HALL

Present: Alison Blaney, Jim Jones, Bruce Urie | Town Clerk Michelle Warren;, Steve Pike

Meeting Agenda

- **Action** – Call Meeting to Order

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

- **Adjustments / Changes to Agenda**

None.

- **Action** – Approve Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024

Bruce Urie moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 20, 2024; Alison Blaney seconded. No further discussion. All aye. Motion passed.

- **Discussion** – Unclaimed Parcel - Donald Darling (5 years ago)

Still researching state status of property valuation: taxes. Supposedly the state is sending a tax bill to property.

- **Action** – Craftsbury Saplings | Review and Sign Agreement and Resolution

Review and discuss Craftsbury Saplings planning grant and agreement; next steps: complete resolution form; bank account info sent. Agreement between Town and State; Town and Saplings. **Bruce motioned to sign the resolution for Saplings agreement for planning grant. Alison seconded. No further discussion. All aye. Motion passed.** Bruce to research further details about the grant agreement before signing.

- **Discussion** – Appoint Temporary Delinquent Tax Collector Position

With Ms. Blaney’s election to the Craftsbury Select Board, must now appoint a new delinquent tax collector. Should position be advertised? Discussion: position tasks, requirements. Postponed until next Select Board meeting. Other options.

- **Administrative Action** – Appointments & Chair Email

Renewal letters reviewed; letters to commission / committee chairs – protocols and practices; will email letters to the committee chairs (SB members signed). Elected positions (letter to be sent based on Town Meeting Day). Appointed positions. Need more information for Freedom & Unity Task Force (go back to Town for vote?). **Bruce motioned to pass the appointments as corrected; Alison seconded. No further discussion. All aye. Motion passed.**

- **Discussion – FEMA Update | Bruce**

Answering questions; got Town garage road – been shipped to state for payment; working on Town Line Road. What can be added.

- **Port-a-Potty Requested on the Common: April 8 Eclipse Event**

Discussion: order one. Select Board approved ordering.

- **Clerk Report**

- Town Meeting Minutes reviewed
- **Action** – Certification of Votes (**Bruce motioned to accept the certification as submitted; Alison seconded. No further discussion. All ayed. Motion passed.**)
- **Action** – Authorize loan (\$75,000) from Preservation Fund (have borrowed \$75,00 for the General Fund). **Bruce motioned to authorize a loan of \$50k (totally \$150K) from the Preservation Fund; Alison seconded. All ayed Motion passed.**

- **Road Foreman Report**

Truck not back yet.

- **Weight Permits**

Jim & Alison signed pre-meeting: Dale E. Percy, Inc.; Suburban Propane; AmeriGas; Blanchard Oil Co., Inc.; Bourne’s Energy; IM Trucking LLC (dba Ivan Maxwell Trucking); (rk Miles – signed)

- **Projects to Keep on Agenda**

- Community Development position
- Test Pits at Gravel Pit
- 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 That Have Business to Come Before the Select Board**

- Library – wants to know if pages can be put on fences (March 22 until before solar eclipse).
- Electrical Drops – Hardwick Electric Co (getting quotes); for electricity on the Common.

- **Decide Next Meeting Date & Adjourn**

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Hudson
Select Board Clerk