

## Freedom and Unity Task Force

February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present: Carol Ceraldi, Daniel Solomon, Wendy Turnbull, Jerry Ralya, Ruth Krebs, Susie Houston. Joining by Zoom: Bru Mille, Jeannine Young

### Working group updates

- Civics Education – all set for Thurs Feb 22 mock town meeting at Craftsbury Academy with 3rd-5th graders. Attendance is limited due to school library capacity; Select Board members, Town Clerk, Town Moderator, and a few others only. Carol editing primer on Robert's Rules to simplify language for students.
- Reimagining Leadership – haven't met since January meeting. Ruth expressed interest in joining this working group.
- Craftsbury Community Month – next meeting is Sun Feb 25 @ 5pm, Craftsbury Public Library to fine-tune plans for Craftsbury University (skills sharing) and Craftsbury storytelling with the historical society. Current plan is to launch during the eclipse viewing party on the Common.
- Town Operator's Manual – group reviewed Middlesex & Bethel town operator's manuals for content and format to begin determining what a Craftsbury manual might look like. Want to get input & ideas from community, as well as recruit neighbors from Collinsville and E Craftsbury to join. Next meeting is Thurs Feb 22 @ 10am, Town Hall.

### Preparations for Town Meeting Day – Tues March 5

- Front Porch Forum postings leading up to Town Meeting to highlight a few articles we'll be voting on, town offices up for election this year, aspects of Robert's Rules and why we use them, etc.
- Childcare: will be offered, Susie following up with Saplings about potential care providers
- Refreshments: will be covered by CA junior class as a fundraiser (class trip to Montreal)
- Sound: Carol meeting with OSSU technicians at CA to review sound equipment options and set up.
- Set up: scheduled for Mon March 4 @ 9am. Will set out chairs, tables and test sound system. Wendy to follow-up with Michelle about extra help needed at Town Meeting, given that it's also primary day.
- Transportation: Daniel to check in with Craftsbury Community Care Center about rides needed to/from town meeting
- Tabling: Bru, Daniel and Wendy will plan for F&U table at Town Meeting. Need a banner, sign up sheet, suggestion box and/or flip chart for collecting ideas, examples of town manuals for attendees to flip through, etc.

### Other business

- Draft guidelines for microgrants – Susan Clark shared draft for feedback from Freedom & Unity task force. A total of \$4,400 is available for the four F&U working groups. (ex: childcare). Deadlines for submitting funding requests: March 15 and June 30.
- Next meeting – Tuesday Feb 27 at 5:30pm, Craftsbury Public Library