

TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 5, 2022
7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Jim Jones, Bruce Urie, Susan Houston | Michelle Warren, Sarah Mutrux

SELECT BOARD AGENDA

- **Action** – Call Meeting to Order
Jim Jones called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- **Action** – Adjustments/Changes to Agenda
 - Add debriefing of July 3rd Block Party
 - Postpone two agenda items: a) permission to ask structural engineer to review 2 smaller garage sheds for solar; b) basement Insulation decision
 - Add discussion about Recreation Event request
- **Action** – Approve Minutes
 - **Bruce Urie motioned to approve the June 21 meeting minutes; Susan Houston seconded. All aye. Motion passed.**
 - **Bruce motioned to approve the Special June 28 Meeting minutes; Susan seconded. All aye. Motion passed.**
- **Action** – Rural ARTS Collaborative/WonderArts Use of the Common
RAC Executive Director Sarah Mutrux described the events and purpose of the August 4 event to be held on the Common. Plans include a two-part event; a silent auction and dinner in collaboration with library (fundraising components) and an all-free-to-the-public extravaganza that includes music and arts performances, possible salsa dancing with lessons; poetry readings and more. **Bruce motioned to approve the event for August 4 (ending at 8:30 pm); decision on whether / how to allow alcohol to follow. Susan seconded. All aye. Motion passed.**
- **Discussion** – ARPA Committee Update
ARPA presence at Block Party; feedback on results to come. Susan will attend upcoming meeting. Postcard was mailed to all residents; ARPA web pages updated with FAQs and related links, dates.
- **Discussion** – FHWA-536 Form - US DOT Federal Highway Administration
Review, approval and signing of the biennial Local Highway Finance Report that summarizes highway funding by local governments.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Neighbor to Neighbor – support efforts ongoing
 - Conservation Commission – Big Tree contest

- ARPA Working Group – as discussed
- Planning Commission – presence at Block Party; awaiting full report
- Energy Committee -- continued work on spray foam; structural engineering requirements
- Mental Health Resource Group – website updates include adding links to relevant publications; walk planned for October; Tulip Project went well; NEK working on starting a crisis center
- **Clerk Report**
 - *Primary Election – set for August 9; ballot box will be available outside office by next week
 - *Life Insurance Form – no further action required
 - *P & L – brief overview; last year to this year; busy time of year with tax bills
 - *Gravel and Sand Rate – what will rates be this year? Decision required by Fall (October)
- **Road Foreman Report**

No report.
- **Other Business & Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board**
 - **Discussion** – debrief: July 3rd Block Party – About 1,000 people attended; successful with few issues and trash. Effie felt very honored. Very successful recognition; ARPA and Planning Commission presence; Village Master Plan work with D&K (Dubois and King) consultants; awaiting input / feedback from D&K relative to addressing issues/traffic and pedestrian safety; components to address for next year’s event
 - **Discussion** – resident query concerning potential compensation/benefits for hosting solar panels supporting community energy needs; assessment of current renewable energy savings fully known by year’s end
 - **Discussion** – OHD Party – Alcohol Service Allowed (by licensed server)? Whether allowable at a town-sponsored event requires input from insurance and Historical Society; Bruce will follow up; preferred end time for event 8:30 pm
 - **Discussion** – Tax Rates: town tax is .58; homestead education tax rate 1.5903; school (non-homestead) 1.5453 (reflects a decrease); tax rates distributed last weekend
- **Decide Next Meeting Date & Adjourn**

Next meeting: 7 pm Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Craftsbury Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Hudson
Select Board Clerk