

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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July 2, 2019

Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Enhanced Energy Plan – Public Hearing Date
- Danny Prue
- Storage Unit
- Grant In Aid
- Cold Air Return Issue
- Knotweed Disposal Site
- Farmers' Market
- ATV Petition
- Mission New England
- Committee Reports
- Road Foreman's report
- Clerk Report
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- Other
 - Cable Crossing Permission – Kingdom Fiber

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Susan Houston and Jim Jones. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), Frank Halden, Donly Goodrich, John Maniatty, Roy Ward, Kris Coville, Elizabeth Echeverria, Gina Campoli, Amelia Fritz, Jenny Stoner, Josh Carpenter, Dwight Denton, Elinor Osborn, Kathryn Prentice, Jim Flint, and Penelope Doherty were also present.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Jim a motion to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes as printed, seconded approved.

Enhanced Energy Plan – Public Hearing Date:

The Selectboard decided on July 16th at 6:30 PM for the Public Hearing on the Enhanced Energy Plan date.

Danny Prue:

Bruce explained that Mr. Prue had broken his windshield when his car hit a limb on the North Craftsbury Road and wanted to know if the Town would pay his deductible. The Selectboard discussed the issue and decided not to set a precedence.

Jim made a motion not to approve paying the insurance deductible, all aye and approved the motion.

Storage Unit:

Bruce said he found a 40-foot storage unit for \$3,800, delivered. Jim questioned where we would be able to put it.

Anne-Marie will be sorting out the current storage unit and then they will decide later if another one is still needed.

Grant In Aid:

Bruce said that the town crew finished ditching on the West Hill Road. It came in over budget and was submitted Friday. He's hoping that the State will kick in more than expected. \$16,000 max on grant, estimated approximately \$30,000.

Cold Air Return Issue:

Jim will contact a plumber about the cold air return issue.

Knotweed Disposal Site:

Susan mentioned that the Mellets were interested in having the old gravel pit a knotweed disposal site. Susan will look into the cost and try to set up a time with Steve Marckres, the Conservation Commission and the Mellets for a site visit.

Farmers' Market:

Kris and Elizabeth discussed with the Selectboard reasons that they would like the Farmer's Market on the Common for Antiques & Uniques. Bruce mentioned the last email mentioned an alternative location on Dustan's field but they had concerns with power availability. Kris said they plan to have a parking monitor and some one to monitor the trash on July 13th for the Farmers' Market. Bruce said he would set up a meeting with Anne-Marie and the Farmers' Market to try and find a solution.

ATV Petition:

Bruce reported that the lawyers have not completed all of the answers the Selectboard had for the ATV petition.

There was discussion of the ATV petition. Bruce said the lawyers indicated that the language passed as a valid petition. There was discussion if ATV's had the same rights as all vehicles, as indicated in the petition.

June had concerns that what people signed is different than what the amended petition stated.

Bruce said that after the lawyers get in touch with the Selectboard this week, they will finalize their wording for the Austrian ballot scheduled now on August 13th. Yvette will then put the notice in the paper.

Susan made a motion for an Austrian Ballot on the ATV warning August 13th 9 AM – 7 PM at the Town Hall, moved and approved.

Mission New England:

Jim said he did go up, as requested by Mission New England, to look at the property with the unregistered vehicles and extra trailers.

The Selectboard suggested Mission New England contacting the State, since the town doesn't have zoning.

Mr. Maniatty insisted that if the Selectboard wasn't going to take care of the problem, they would be getting an attorney.

No action at this time regarding Mission New England.

Committee Reports:

Susan reported that phase 2 of smothering the knotweed has been complete. She said they may be waiting a while before phase 3.

Kris said that the Rec Committee will have Bike Night on the Common July 19th and August 23rd and plans to close a small section of the road like done in the past.

Michelle said that the Mental Health group would be having some town signs such as “You Matter” to encourage those struggling not to give up.

Road Foreman’s report:

Bruce said they just finished up their work on West Hill Road for the grant. Bruce thanked Dwight for all of his help with the project. Dwight, when asked by Susan, said he didn’t spot any invasive plants on the project.

Clerk Report:

Yvette said she was waiting to get the school tax rate, before the town tax bills could get sent out.

Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard:

None

Other:

- The Selectboard okayed a request by Michael Birnbaum of Kingdom Fiber, giving him permission for the aerial passing of cable over Town roads, provided that they follow all applicable regulations as to proper clearance.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 10 PM. Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board