

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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August 6, 2019

Agenda

- ATV Information Hearing
- Approve Minutes
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Brian Sanville Payment
- Committee Reports
- Road Foreman's report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard
- Other
 - Weight Permit
 - Colburn Hill
 - ATV Survey

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie and Jim Jones. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), June Cook (Hardwick Gazette), Elinor Osborn, Lucia Murphy, Joanne Chase, Rudy Chase, Carol Maroni, Laura DiBiase, Ron Lorch, Lark Shields, Heidi Krantz, Donly Goodrich, Denise O'Conner, Andrew Moffatt, Stephen Waterhouse, Jason Waterhouse, Cindi Bollettieri, Lynn Flory, Nancy Milholland, Geoffrey Bok, Diane Morgan Jeannine Young, Gina Campoli, Mary Lou Ryland-Isaacson, Bill Quinn Sr., Heather Quinn, Peggy Sapphire, Kathryn Prentice, Amelia Fritz, Kevin Gregoire, Kathy Swanson, Vince O'Connell, Heidi Rich and Penelope Doherty were also present.

ATV Informational Hearing:

Heidi Krantz facilitated the ATV Informational Hearing.

Bruce explained that if the ordinance was passed, evaluation would be the 30th of November. Complaint forms would be available on the Town Website.

Bruce said that people aren't talking, there is a lot of contention.

Peggy wanted to know the means of the temporary ordinance evaluation. The Selectboard hadn't decided yet, since it hasn't passed yet.

Bruce said if you have complaints, there will be complaint forms on the Town Website. Also, the Selectboard phone numbers are listed on the website and residents can call them if there are issues such as tearing up your property, not just calling because ATVs are going by your property.

Cindi would like the wording of the ordinance changed. The Selectboard explained that the absentee votes have already gone out, and this was the wording from the Town's lawyers.

June asked if trails were open to ATVs. Bruce said no.

June suggested having a survey of the voters, an opportunity to share their opinions. Bruce said they will discuss further.

Lynn asked if only open to Craftsbury residents or outside of Craftsbury. Bruce said the ordinance didn't specify.

Heidi said the ordinance states they need to be a registered and licensed driver.

Andy said they are not going to have an influx of 500 people. It's just a few people in town that would like to ride on town roads.

Some one asked about the process of the evaluation in November. If passed, Bruce explained the ordinance could be continued as is, tweak it, or vote to abandon it.

There were concerns about policing ATVS. Bruce said there is a Town Constable, who is willing to enforce if needed and if he was available at the time. Jim said if there was damage over \$100, State Police should be notified. Vermont Fish and Game can also be notified.

There was a remark that Danville will be rescinding their ATV ordinance.

Peggy wanted the Selectboard to make a list of who should be contacted if some one has concerns with ATVs.

There was discussion that Selectboard Agenda being online. Bruce said it is something they are working on. Selectboard Meetings are usually the first and third Tuesday of the month, people can call and check.

Gina said if nays win, how will Selectboard evaluate complaints. If people are complaining about going fast, fuzzy. If after 10 PM, could be subject to criticism.

If ayes win, they may be voting because they don't want the ATV restrictions or because they don't want ATVs in town.

Bruce said he doesn't know, may have to go back to June's idea of a pole.

Lyn said they go by so fast, no way to enforce. Maybe retaliation.

Bruce explained that Craftsbury doesn't pay for hiring a sheriff's department. If enough interest, maybe town would look into. Bruce estimated price starting at \$20,000-\$40,000, with limited response.

Carol had concerns of the wording, accepts no liability isn't in the new ordinance. Bruce remarked that VLCT said it didn't need to be in the wording. She also had concerns of signage. Bruce said he is aware that ATV signs would need to be put in.

Bruce explained that for now, they didn't plan to be connected to VASA.

There was a question on how many ATV complaints since January. Bruce said 3 involved property damage.

Cindi said ATVs were partying on their pond at 1 AM and she was concerned about retaliation. Since it is private property, there were suggestions on contacting State Police.

There was a suggestion of reviewing the ordinance every year on November 30th. Bruce said they may decide to do that.

Elinor had concerns of car and ATV crashes. The discussion said same as 2 cars, there would be a decision on who is at fault. They can have liability insurance.

Farley said we need to vote on the ordinance in place, good feedback from people who signed petition. Good place to start.

Jeannine explained that it is difficult to post agenda 5-7 days ahead because have to vote on amendments to agenda.

Penelope had concerns about not posting the agenda ahead of time.

Nancy appreciated being part of the loop.

There was a question if the Planning Commission addressed ATVs. Farley explained it just generally encouraged recreation without details.

Andy thanked the Selectboard and Heidi, and knows caught between a rock and a hard place.

Peggy thanked the Selectboard and appreciated having people engaged.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Jim a motion to approve the July 16, 2019 minutes as printed, seconded approved.

Conflict of Interest Policy:

The Selectboard will work on when Susan returns.

Brian Sanville Payment:

Jim explained Brian wanted to remove some small alders. The Selectboard approved up to \$500 increase for Brian Sanville's estimate.

Committee Reports:

The Selectboard signed paperwork, appointing Tim Fritz as Town Health Officer.

Michelle said the Craftsbury Mental Health Resource Group has put up signs around town.

Road Foreman's report:

Bruce said the radar sign is up in East Craftsbury.

Bruce said they will be sending in 3 choices for the town to review for the village bridge. Bruce estimated \$525,000-\$740,000 for the bridge. Hopefully, it will be replaced next year. Bruce will go over billings of the engineer with Yvette, she had a few questions.

Paving is done on North Craftsbury Road.

Clerk Report:

Yvette said tax money is coming in.

Bruce will check with Wayne, to see if we can get electronic images of town maps.

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

None

Other:

- The Selectboard signed weight permit for Warren Hill Trucking.
- Letter was sent to residents on Coburn Hill Road to clean up roadside.
- After discussion, the Selectboard decided to hold off on the ATV survey for now.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board