

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

~Approved~
September 3, 2019

Agenda

- Approve the minutes of the last meeting
- Listers
- Village Bridge Update - Tyler Billingsley, Engineer
- Broadband Committee
- Weight Permits
- Energy Committee- Gina Campoli
- Antiques & Uniques Update
- Furnace Update
- Committee Reports & Appointees
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Other Business Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard
- Other
 - Conflict of Interest Policy

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie and Jim Jones. Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), Michael Birnbaum (Kingdom Fiber), June Cook (Hardwick Gazette), Tyler Billingsley, Kent Young, Dave Stoner, Kristin Fountain, Brian Machesne, Katherine Sims (Northeast Kingdom Collaborative), Roberta Hodgdon, Gary Hodgdon, Barb Paterson and Jim Whitby were also present.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Jim a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes as printed, seconded and approved.

Listers

Barb said they recently received a notice from the State regarding a \$307,700 increase of Hardwick Electric's value. They requested permission to send a change of appraisal notice to Hardwick Electric. After discussion, **Jim made a motion to approve the change of appraisal for Hardwick Electric, seconded and approved.**

Village Bridge Update - Tyler Billingsley, Engineer

Tyler discussed his report on the village bridge and 3 viable options. He recommended the precast, because it speeds up time the bridge will be down, less disruption, and better quality control. Roughly the bridge cost is \$500,000, less Vt. Transit grant of \$175,000. Bruce is trying to find other grants that would help with the cost. A rehab on the bridge was done about 20 years ago. It was built in 1939 and in pretty rough condition right now. In 2018, was rated 5, maybe only 3 or 4 now.

Tyler suggested getting bid price early winter, for best price. Tyler said they have cleared the Historical preservation concerns, they just want input on the guard rails. He suggests having lights look more historical. Bridge would be closed 28 days.

Broadband Committee

Kristen reported that they have filed closure paperwork. The 2nd grant reimbursement should be here in the next few weeks. She had a large notebook filled with all of the paperwork.

Michael gave the Selectboard an updated report, with 2 more businesses that have signed up.

They have wireless set up on Brian's radio tower to serve TH 19.

Katherine Sims from Northeast Kingdom Collaborative, presented the Selectboard with an initiative with Communications Union District (CUD). She explained that joining a CUD, which would be made up of several towns, would be managed by board with resident from each town. It can bond and raise revenue to design, build and operate a network, with no financial risk to taxpayer or municipality. To form a CUD, it would have to be voted on at our Town Meeting. Dave said the broadband committee would work on getting that on the Town Warning and get back to the Selectboard in November. He explained the State is endorsing this, State Statues 3051-3083.

Weight Permits:

No weight reports.

Energy Committee – Gina Campoli

Gina was absent. No report given.

Antiques & Uniques:

Bruce reported their were a total of 140 hours for A & U: Catholic Church 32 ½, Library 17, Conservation Fund 7, CA Academy Girls 16, CCCC 28 1/2 , ECPC 23, Cemetery fund 7 & UCC 9. 124 hours at 15/hour. CA girls 16 hours at \$11/hour.

Furnace Update:

The Selectboard will work on at a future Selectboard meeting.

Committee Reports:

Michelle read email from Stark Biddle, with concern about mental health resource group signs.

Road Foreman's report:

The Selectboard reported that the Colburn Hill road will need quite a bit of gravel. They will meet with the crew, try and get an estimate of what needs to be done.

Clerk Report:

Yvette absent, no report given.

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

None

Other:

The Selectboard will look over the Conflict of Interest draft at a later meeting.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Craftsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board