

# Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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January 21, 2020

## CARE CENTER INFORMATIONAL SESSION 6:30 PM

## ENERGY PLAN HEARING

### Agenda Regular Meeting

- Approve the minutes of the last meeting
- Weight Permits
- Wind Tower Lighting Reduction
- FEMA Workshop
- Budget and Warning Work and Review
- Truck Info
- Bridge Review (Bridge 35) & Update of Bond
- Committee Reports & Appointees
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Other Business Walk-ins That Have Business to Come Before the Selectboard
- Other:
  - Steve Wright
  - Liquor and Catering Licenses
  - Request Orleans County Fair
  - Craftsbury Prudential Committee

The Selectboard met at the Craftsbury Town Hall Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Yvette Brown (Town Clerk), Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), Penelop Doherty, Dave Stoner Kristen Fountain, Jenny Stoner, Kimberly Roberge, Rebecca Young, Mark McAndrew, Jane Marlin, Carolyn Ryan, June P Cook and Jeannine Young were also present.

### Care Center Informational Session:

There was discussion about the name changes of the grant over the years, such as community development block grant.

Penelope mentioned that her training explained that VCDP grants was never meant to be a revolving loan. It was described as a loan so it could be used as mechanism for controlling funds if terms were violated.

The Care Center Board said by forgiving the VCDP grant/loan, it would allow them in the future to continue to admit Medicaid residents, maybe even increase the numbers. Medicaid only covers 40% of costs.

Dave commented the Care Center is an integral part of the community, offering programs open to the public, serving Meals on Wheels.

June asked when the Selectboard reduced the amount from \$617,000 to \$417,000, Bruce explained it was in 2006.

Kim remarked that 11 rooms are available for low income people, they have a total of 24 rooms. The Care Center has residents and family from Craftsbury, Hardwick, Glover, Walden and more. Many of the residents have family in the area.

**Susan made a motion for the Selectboard to forgive the \$417,000 remainder of the loan of the VCDP grant. All eyed, motion passed.** *Note: As a member of the Care Center Board, Jim excused himself from this motion.*

Energy Plan Hearing:

**Susan made a motion for the Craftsbury Selectboard approve the Craftsbury Enhanced Energy Plan, recommended by the Energy Committee. Seconded and approved.**

Susan commented it was a well thought out document.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

**Jim a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes as printed, seconded and approved.**

Weight Permits:

The Selectboard signed weight permits for RG Gosselin Inc. and Carroll Concrete.

Wind Tower Lighting Reduction:

The Selectboard received a letter from Green Mountain Power (see attached) regarding the Aircraft Detection Lighting System ("ADLS"). Green Mountain Power explained that Vestas, the manufacturer of the proposed ADLS, indicated the current plan for Kingdom Community Wind would not meet the required radar standards because Vestas recently discovered that the planned turbine-mounted solution would have a smaller than anticipated range, and thus unable to view the airspace required by FAA. Vesta also indicated that it could not mount its equipment on pre-existing cell and meteorological towers as planned. At this time, Green Mountain Power is re-evaluating options.

FEMA Workshop:

Bruce said there is a FEMA workshop scheduled January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to Noon at the Morrisville Town Offices. Steve will be going and a few of the Selectboard, maybe Penelope too.

Budget and Warning Work and Review:

The Selectboard finalized the warning and budget. Yvette will reprint in the morning and the Selectboard will sign Wednesday morning.

**Jim made motion to approve total budget of \$793,532, with road budget of \$631,602 and office budget of \$161,930, all aye, motion passed.**

Truck Info:

The Selectboard put a new truck on the warning, not to exceed \$160,000.

Bridge Review (Bridge 35) & Update of Bond:

Tyler had given the Selectboard copies of the preliminary bridge project prints. He is still working on bids and pricing. They hope to have a bond vote in the summer for the bridge.

Committee Reports & Appointees:

Michelle mentioned that the Website Committee recently met and is working on updating town/business information.

Road Foreman Report:

Bruce said Town Crew are working on plowing right now.

There was a concern of the plow truck going thru the Village; they will try and slow down so the snow doesn't get thrown as far.

Clerk Report:

Yvette said they are working on the Town Report.

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

None

Other:

- The Selectboard, took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Steve Wright, who loved this area and worked passionately for what he believed in. Susan noted he was one of the founding Conservation Commission members.

- **The Selectboard made a motion to approve the liquor and catering license for Owen & Company LLC (Craftsbury General Store), all ayed, motion passed and paperwork signed.**

**The Selectboard made a motion to approve the liquor license for C Village store, all ayed, motion passed and license signed.**

- The Selectboard declined request for Orleans County Fair request for \$500, without signatures.
- Bruce mentioned that the Craftsbury Prudential Committee is working hard at drafting an ordinance to govern policies and procedures for the Craftsbury Common water system.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next Selectboard Meeting is Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Clerk of the Select Board