

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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Tuesday, May 5, 2020

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

- Approve the minutes of the last meeting
- Weight Permits to sign: Harrison Redi-mix Corp, Walker Construction Inc., Cardinal Logistic Management Corp. and Ethan Morrison
- Heidi Krantz- Morey Hill Rd culvert
- Committee Reports & Appointees
Green-Up Day Chair Needed
Vt Emergency Management Rep. position status
Replacement needed Energy Committee
Replacement needed Conservation Commission
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board
- Other Business :
 - Neglected Houses
 - Certificate of compliance for Town roads and bridge standards
 - Historical Society – COVID-19 History
 - Yvette-Town Meeting Minutes
 - Painting Town Hall
 - Green Up Day

The Selectboard met via Zoom Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7 PM. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), June Cook, and Yvette Brown (Town Clerk) were also present on Zoom.

Approve Minutes Last Meeting:

Jim made motion to approve Selectboard minutes of March 17, April 7, and April 21 with two changes, seconded by Susan. Motion passed. Bruce corrected the name Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) from the previous meeting. Bruce explained the Town signs the LEMP every year so Craftsbury can be eligible to receive an extra 5% in case of an emergency.

Weight Permits:

Jim signed weight permits for Walker Construction, Cardinal Logistics Management Corp, Ethan Morrison and Harrison Ready-Mix Corp.

Heidi Krantz- Morey Hill Rd Culvert:

Jim said that Heidi Krantz had noticed while horseback riding, right across from her new house, a cement header (not the culvert) with a gap, that was tilted in toward the brook, away from the road. Kent had looked at it and put an orange cone there for now. Jim said FEMA should take a look at. If the town gets an excavator in, could be over \$3500. Although Heidi just noticed last week, it probably happened over the winter and could be dangerous for bikers.

Committee Reports & Appointees:

Susan reported that the Energy Committee is looking for another member. They also are applying for different grants. One is for the window dressing program, to help those get window dressing. There were concerns for the window dressing program for both the people that have to come into homes and measure plus for participating in their workshops 6 feet apart. Sterling, at one point, considered using the old industrial building to help with the window dressing. Susan also had a conversation with Kevin Gregoire, who was interested in finding funds thru the task force to help pay fuel bills, wood for heating, rent, weatherizing, etc. for those in need. She wasn't sure of the status with Kevin or the window dressing, still some loose ends.

Michelle has offered all committees to meet online via Zoom, except for the Forestry Committee because she wasn't sure who to contact. She has offered the Fire Department first for three Thursdays. Bruce said the Fire Department will be meeting this week, and may be meeting socially distant in the future. He will let Michelle know.

Susan reported that the Conservation Commission has applied for a \$300 grant, to cover costs of taking invasives to the landfill. She also mentioned that although the original State assessment indicated there was not enough people to warrant having a greeter at Little Hosmer, the Conservation Commission is reviewing that again. The Conservation Commission is looking into a replacement for Steve Wright. They also are considering a plaque in memory of Steve Wright.

Susan said the Task Force meets on Thursdays. The next thing is looking at raising funds to help people with their rent and obstacles that are coming up, ways to help people beyond just free food. The other item the task force is looking into is celebrations for college graduates and also for the Academy senior graduates. SLA will be in touch with the task force for maybe posters, parade, balloons, banners, plus being socially distant. Michelle noted that some of the donated funds were allocated toward food cards or food only. Masks will be an ongoing conversation with the task force. Michelle let the Selectboard know the volunteers list has been separated into active and inactive members, and Kris will ask for volunteers accordingly.

Jim reported that Rebecca has agreed to stay on as one of Craftsbury's Vermont Emergency Management Representatives. She mentioned to Jim that she would be in touch with Bruce for

any questions. Bruce said that they both have had ICS training along with others on the Fire Department.

Road Foreman's Report:

Jim thinks they are now starting to haul from the gravel pit. Bruce said they will be doing sand first, then gravel. Steve M. tweaked his back, they may need to pick up a driver for a few days before Steve can return.

Susan said Nancy and Tony Van Winkle were thankful that Jim had stopped by earlier to let them know about the work being done in the gravel pit.

Bruce said that they will talk with Steve M., to review road budget, since no FEMA funds are expected this year. The Selectboard just wants to make sure the Town doesn't over extend on the roads.

Clerk Report:

Yvette reported that the number of people coming in to do searches has picked up. Same normal hours, people just need to make an appointment first. She has handed out some disposable masks to those who asked.

Jim asked about the letter sent out to those with delinquent taxes from last year. Yvette reported that some have paid, but it is a hard time to try and get taxes. The 3-month extension is done at the end of May. Bruce said we should address at the next meeting. Michelle will put on the agenda for next time. Yvette suggested reviewing what the Secretary of State is recommending.

The listers aren't doing in-home visits this year, only telephone or drive by. Tyler will continue to work as a sub-contractor, helping to put in sketches and other info in.

Yvette mentioned water still isn't flowing into the Town Hall. The Selectboard decided to wait a few weeks, in case it's still frozen. If the water doesn't come back, they had concerns it could be a big expense.

Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board:

None

Other Business:

- Susan had two inquiries recently about neglected houses. Bruce said there isn't much the Selectboard can do until a tax sale. No town policy, we just can hope someone can take care of in the future.

- Bruce and Jim signed the Certificate of Compliance for Town Roads and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory.
- The Historical Society is working on getting real stories of how COVID-19 is affecting people in Craftsbury. Don Houghton is putting out prompts, to try and get more responses.
- When Yvette finishes the Town Meeting minutes, she will send to the Selectboard for review.
- Jim reported that Hilltop Painting is planning to send in a quote for painting the Town Hall. Jim said they are still looking for other painting quotes too.
- Yvette mentioned Green Up Bags should come in a few weeks. Michelle said she would try to help getting the word out. There is a new app for Green Up Day, hopefully it can help track sections.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 8 PM. Next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Selectboard Clerk