

# Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020

## AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

- Approval of Minutes
- Equity Team-Linda R. and Hilary M.
- Festival of Lights-Jodi and Kris
- Prescott Lane - Angel Prescott
- Person Needing a Culvert Fixed, Morey Hill Rd
- Committee Reports & Appointees
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board
- Other Business
  - Landlocked parcels
  - VLCT Recommendations
  - Town Report Dedication

The Selectboard met at Craftsbury Town Hall 7 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), was also present.

Logged In via Zoom: Linda Ramsdell, Hilary Maynard & Yvette Brown

### Approval of Minutes:

**Susan made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2020 as printed. Seconded and approved.**

Linda discussed with the Selectboard amending the minutes to reflect the core equity team disbandment.

**After discussion, the Selectboard approved amending the minutes, adding "the core equity team has been decommissioned in service of forming a more equitable process."**

### Equity Team-Linda R. and Hilary M.:

**After discussion, Jim made a motion to accept the statement below. Seconded and approved.**

“Dear Craftsbury community members:

On behalf of the select board of the town of Craftsbury, Vermont, this statement is an effort to build transparency in our process and update you regarding the formation of the Craftsbury Equity Team. Having listened to voices of people in the community, the select board unanimously decided that the core equity team that had been formed this summer could have been formed through a more equitable process. The select board appreciates the contributions of that initial team, and although it is now disbanded, we are grateful for their help in getting to this point in the process of forming an equity team. We acknowledge how important it is to hear from the most marginalized identities in the town of Craftsbury, specifically BIPOC folks, to understand the impact of our actions in forming an equity team, as well as an opportunity to learn more about the impacts and experiences of living in our town. Listening to the experience of others is essential to building a community of care, dignity, and belonging for all, and is a step to take before forming a team. Thus, the selectboard, with encouragement and support from community members, has decided to work with an equity consultant to approach this process with just practices. We aren't exactly sure what that looks like yet, but it will begin with reaching out to and creating spaces for marginalized people in Craftsbury who have stories to share. It will be incredibly important to hear these stories and perspectives both before and during the formation of a committee to serve in building safety and belonging for all.

We will continue to offer updates on our process.

Thank you all for supporting us in our learning and growing, together.”

Festival of Lights-Jodi and Kris:

The Selectboard approved the Festival of Lights request from Jodi Smith & Kris Coville, contingent of the Governor’s orders.

Prescott Lane - Angel Prescott:

Bruce explained the screen is still broken but has spoken with Steve and they will get 10-12 loads of gravel up to Prescott Lane by the end of the year.

Person Needing a Culvert Fixed, Morey Hill Rd:

Jim said he has spoken to Steve about a metal culvert that needs repair.

Committee Reports & Appointees:

Susan mentioned Charlie Hancock will be at the Planning Commission Zoom meeting Thursday and invited Bruce and Jim to attend.

Road Foreman’s Report:

Bruce believed that the new truck is getting painted now.

Clerk Report:

Bruce said taxes are still coming in steadily.

Bruce reported an incident at the Town Hall on Election Day regarding a confrontation with a female refusing to wear a mask. He asked Michelle and Cheryl to write a statement about the incident and then will talk with the State Police regarding the next steps in the process. They may also be notifying the Secretary of State. Bruce remarked that this type of behavior is not acceptable here.

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

None

Other Business:

- Bruce will check with Angela about the landlocked parcels.
  
- Bruce said VLCT is recommending towns hold Town Meeting Day by Australian Ballot due to Covid-19. The Selectboard will review VLCT's recommendations. Bruce will also talk to Cheryl Bailey, to discuss the potential impact on the Town Report.
  
- The Selectboard discussed the Town Report dedication possibilities.

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Selectboard Clerk