

**TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 4, 2022
7 PM at Craftsbury Town Hall (draft)**

SELECT BOARD AGENDA:

Jim called meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

- **Action - Adjustments/Changes to Agenda:**
No changes to agenda Jim noted.

- **Action - Approve of Minutes Dec. 21 & Dec. 28:**
Bruce made a motion to accept the December 21, 2021 minutes as printed, Jim seconded, all aye. Motion passed.

Bruce made a motion to accept the December 28, 2021 minutes as printed, Jim seconded, all aye. Motion passed.

- **Saplings Update - Melissa Jacobs:**
Melissa absent, will add to the next agenda.

- **Discussion - N2N Grants, Kris Coville:**
Kris said 2 small grants have been offered to the N2N Committee, both do not require a matching grant.

The first one from New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF), is a discovery type grant, encouraging young leaders to come forward and research food networks, price points, etc. She commented it's a great way to get young people involved with community work.

The second involved a community raised, sustainable meat source. The cows would be housed in a variety of situations, look into cost savings, providing local farms, partnerships with the food shelf, Sterling College, the High School, etc.

After this meeting, she will bring it to the N2N meeting on Thursday for discussion. Kris said just to let her know if they have any questions.

Penelope said they had 90 days to accept the grants and once they received the paperwork, would be about 3 weeks to get the funds. Bruce commented they sound like great programs. The Select Board were supportive of the 2 grants.

- **Action - Acceptance of Nathalie Jonas for Recreation Committee, Kris Coville:**
Kris requested Nathalie Jonas be added to the Recreation Committee. **After discussion, Bruce made a motion to elect Nathanie Jonas to the Recreation Committee, Jim seconded, all ayed. Motion passed.** Michelle will add them to the committee and send out a letter.
- **Discussion - Budget Preparation:**
Still need to figure out carry over, for fire department and guardrails, etc. Michelle will get a list ready of who is coming due in 2022 for election and appointments.
- **Action - Decision on Town/School Meeting - Australian or In Person:**
Michelle watched a VLCT informational seminar about legislation being put through right now, they are hoping to have it passed next Thursday. Bruce said we probably will need to do a town meeting like last year. Michelle will start a warning draft for next meeting.
- **Weight Permits:**
Jim had signed weight permit for John Couture, dba JC Trucking.
- **Committee Reports:**
Bruce suggested having another person added to the Dog Warden, to help Emily out.

Bruce made a motion to appoint Alan Turnbull and Vince O’Connell to the Energy Committee (letter of intents attached), Jim seconded. All ayed, motion passed. Michelle will send out acknowledgement letters.

- **Clerk Report:**
Bruce and Jim reviewed and okayed the upcoming bills to be paid for January 7th. The Select Board also okayed paying HSAs.

Michelle said the Town Clerk’s office received a request to use the Town Hall for a baby show. The Select Board denied the request due to covid, and the Town Hall being so busy this time of year preparing for the Annual Town Report.

- **Road Foreman Report:**
Steve had told Bruce that everything was going well, except one of hoses was blown and had to get fixed. Bruce said he will talk to Steve about naming Town Trucks, as mentioned at the last Select Board Meeting.

- Other Business & Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board:
 - Lister position – the Town will need to add 3 listers to the Ballot this year, since Anthony Aoissa will also not be continuing as lister after March 2022.
 - Annie Mclean will be meeting with the Select Board on January 11th to discuss ARPA funds.
 - The Select Board received an informational letter from the State, with Craftsbury new CLA at 94.87, down from 97.44 in 2021.
 - Michelle will get the mileage report ready for the next Select Board Meeting.

- Decide Next Meeting Date & Adjourn:

Next Select Board meeting is scheduled 10 AM on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The next regular Select Board meeting is scheduled 7 PM Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Warren
Select Board Clerk

Members of the Select Board:

Thanks for considering me for appointment to the Craftsbury Energy Committee. Here are a few things about my interests and experiences that may be relevant.

My wife Wendy and I bought our home in Craftsbury some ten years ago. It's Carolyn Aronson's former place, just above the old 1-room school in the Village. We made it our permanent home in 2020.

We lived in Burlington most recently, and before then, in a small city in Maryland where I was deeply involved in the community for about 20 years. I served on the board of our housing cooperative and several of its committees, and since that community's infrastructure dates to the 1930s, much of our focus was on increasing energy efficiency. Maintaining the community's affordability (in a very expensive region) was always a central concern. I also served three terms on my City Council, which gave me firsthand experience with the nitty gritty of managing any hometown. We dealt with a major energy efficiency makeover of the city's maintenance facilities while I was a council member.

I retired this spring after 31 years with the National Park Service, where I was a planner and supported the agency's community-assistance programs. Highlights of my career included writing and editing for the public, and facilitating large and small meetings both in-agency and in community settings. I've evaluated countless grant requests and have written some as well.

In the past I've worked on a number of community projects that could be relevant to the Energy Committee, including alternative transportation efforts, a woodlands management committee, recycling promotion, and a commission developing regional economic development strategies based on heritage preservation.

On the Energy Committee I will want to help find ways that Craftsbury can best respond to the climate crisis. I'll want to help find ways that residents can lower their financial strain from energy costs, and also lessen their environmental impact and become better positioned to face the uncertainty of our future climate here.

I'm enjoying learning more about the committee's past program and activities. It's encouraging to see how much of this kind of work is already established here, and I hope I can add my contribution.

Sincerely,

Alan Turnbull
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December 27, 2021

Dear Selectboard,

Please consider this letter an expression of my interest in becoming a member of the Craftsbury Energy Committee.

My wife and I met while working at the Outdoor Center in 1981. We purchased our property in Mill Village in 1999 and have considered Craftsbury our permanent residence since 2015. Previous town government experience includes terms on the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and School Building Committee in a small town in Western Massachusetts.

From 1982 until 2009, my wife and I grew and sold two manufacturing businesses after which we attended a graduate film program with the goal of producing and directing a feature film which we completed in 2018. We continue to develop new film projects.

I am presently a Commissioner of Hardwick Electric Department and have spent much of my time taking courses to get up to speed on utility history, regulation, smartgrid integration and the rapidly developing energy transition. I designed and installed an 8Kw solar system with a 20Kwh backup battery last winter and am now installing an air to water heat pump.

I have professional experience in entrepreneurial business development, manufacturing, marketing, construction, film making, management, finance, product development, contracts, creative problem solving(especially) and other areas.

I'm interested in being part of the solution to climate change as well as engaging with the community and feel that being a member of the Craftsbury Energy Committee can help achieve that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,



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