Craftsbury Selectboard Special Selectboard Meeting
Town Meeting Preview Saturday, February 1, 2025
10am at Town Hall

Zoom Link
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Dial by your location: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Present: Bruce Urie, Jim Jones, Jeannine Young, Wendy Turnbull, Michelle Warren, Cheryl Bailey, Rudy Chase, Joanne Chase, Alan Turnbull, Colin Netzley, Tim Fritz, Jerry Ralya

Agenda: Discuss Warning & Budget

Meeting started at 10:08am

Bruce went through all the articles on the warning.

Below are some of the discussions:

The absentee ballot will be ready by February 12th. Once ready, Michelle will let people know on FPF and the website. Basically, the people that were up for re-election filled out their paperwork to be on the ballot again. Voting will be at the Craftsbury Academy Gym March 4th, Australian ballots 9am-7pm for elected officers (except moderator), rest will be on the floor starting 9am.

Bruce mentioned replacing the 2017 truck on the warning. The Town will also take some funds from the Infrastructure & Equipment account to help pay for the truck.

Michelle mentioned a list of all the appropriations are in the Town Report, with comparison to what was requested in 2024. Fire Department asked for $5,000 more this year to help pay for the expensive SCBA fire department safety equipment that needs to be updated over time.

There was discussion on the active Energy committee, commending their work on the community firewood program and window insert program.

Michelle mentioned the Town Reports will be mailed again this year with a bulk rate, like last year.

Jeannine mentioned that the postcards from Freedom & Unity were mailed out. If some one needs a ride or child care, just to call the Town Clerk's office. We might be able to video it livestream on Zoom, but it wouldn't be interactive.

Michelle said that the software budget has increased this year. With the audit this year, they suggested we get the NEMRC program for tax payments. With new ADA compliance guidelines, we are also looking into some new website options. There are also some great features such as searchable PDFs and email announcements for meetings, etc.

There was a question if our vital records were online. Michelle said that land records are online for a fee now. We had them digitalized last year. The vital records were also digitalized, but only available on office computers. In case there is a fire, flood, the records would be protected.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Sincerely,

Michelle Warren
Craftsbury Town Clerk