TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025
7PM | CRAFTSBURY TOWN HALL

Present: Alison Blaney, Jim Jones | TOWN CLERK Michelle Warren | Jamie Milholland; Craig Taylor, BARTON CHRONICLE Maria Amador

Meeting Agenda

Jim called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

- **Action – Choose MERP Excavating Contractor**

  MERP Working Group Project Manager Milholland provided update. After further review / discussions: pushing the other bids so much higher (one bid was considerably lower) was the concrete work. Both contractors (Tranz Construction LLC and Dave) not thrilled about doing concrete work. Peter's Excavating (Sam) can start September 15; will use J. Hutchins, Inc. of Hardwick for concrete work. MERP Working Group recommends Peter's Excavating for work: his family history; has done work for Town before. Level of experience doing concrete. One thing: concrete is tough to do. Delivering, mixing (bid was less than $31K): for the high bid of $43K ($18K of it was concrete). **Alison motioned that Peters' Excavating & Transport out of Albany be selected the MERP Excavating Contractor based on bid submitted; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.** Also: update on Saturday workday: have windows removable; did some excavation in the shallow softness. Work is part of energy efficiency grant work; best to shore up foundation before any energy efficiency work starts. One wall caved in a bit.

- **Action – Approve Contacting Municibid to Sell 2017 Town Truck**

  New truck has arrived and has temporary registration. Be sure new one is registered before selling the old one. Road foreman inspected new truck: has all specs and more and came in under cost/budgeted amount. Customized a bit (ordered in April/May). Presented purchase option at Town meeting. **Alison motioned to approve Town Clerk contacting Municibid to obtain information for selling the 2017 Town truck; once new truck is registered will auction for sale; Jim seconded. All ayed. motion passed.**

- **Action – Approve & Sign | Agreement for Municipal Mitigation Better Roads FY26 – BR1364**

  Select Board Co-chair Bruce Urie already signed the document. .

- **Action – Approve and Sign Grant Agreement for Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

  Town to have new fire hydrant installed; grant part of VACD efforts to support the public safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments. Grant requires 25% guarantee match (to come from Town Fire Department budget). Vermont Association of Conservation Districts will provide up to $7,005. **Alison motioned to**

approve with Bruce signature on the grant agreement for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program for the new hydrant; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.

- **Weight Permit**

  Signed for: McElwain Contracting, LLC

- **Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

  Regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 5th. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Hudson
Select Board Clerk