Freedom and Unity Committee
October 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Craftsbury Public Library

Present: Jeannine Young, Ada Allen, Susie Houston, Daniel Solomon, Wendy Turnbull
Absent: Bru Mille, Emma Stout, Christine Rubino

Working Group updates:

- Civics Education
    - Jeannine will reach out to Craftsbury Academy about getting ready for Town Meeting Day activities, including mock town meeting with students. Find time in November to meet with Principal and student liaison, Ada Allen, to discuss in more detail.
    - It seems unlikely that CA registered for Vermont's Kid Governor program for 5th graders due to a teacher on leave. Discuss with CA about preparing for next year's program.
- Leadership
    - The public forum, "Strengthening Town Governance: What Have Our Neighbors Tried?" is scheduled for Thursday, Oct 9 at Town Hall, from 6-7:30PM. Daniel will moderate; on town calendar.
    - All panelists confirmed; great line up of current and former town officials showcasing different approaches towns are taking.
    - Ran through logistics for the meeting: posters around town, personal invites, schedule of FPF posts, room set up, Zoom details, welcome remarks, Craftsbury gift for each panelist and refreshments.

Other business:

- 2026 town budget – raise possibility of informational session on draft town budget with SB at one of their Nov meetings.
- Town Meeting Day 2026 tasks for F&U – update for town report; mock town meeting with CA; sticker/poster/essay contest among CA students.
- Convening of town commission and committee chairs and members in March/April 2026. Discuss with SB and Town Clerk at upcoming SB meeting.

Next meeting:

- Weds Nov 12 @ 5pm, Craftsbury Public Library