Antiques & Uniques Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2025
Craftsbury Town Hall

Committee Members:
Present: Lise Erickson, Bruce Urie, Jeannine Young, Amelia Fritz, Don Houghton
Guest: Michelle Warren

Lise called the meeting to order at 3:02.

Meeting Minutes from July 2, 2025 were accepted by the committee.

There were no changes to the proposed Agenda.

Event Recap:
Lise thanked committee members for all the work they put into making the 2025 Antiques & Uniques successful. It is important to recognize the effort that is required to hold the event each year. We were lucky to have good weather this year and according to Fire Dept estimates, we had a couple hundred more vehicles (approx. 300-500 more people) than last year. We came in under budget, in spite of low donations. The Fire Dept raised a fair amount of money to support their operations. Many people had positive feedback about the Music and the overall organization of the event. We had some fantastic new volunteers, but there is also some volunteer “fatigue”. Several volunteers, as well as the cleaning staff, are really critical during the week of the event and will get special thanks. We will also thank Jeff F for the use of his sound system.

Future Plans:
The committee came together after the pandemic to keep the tradition of Antiques & Uniques alive and has had three successful years. We have worked hard to make it financially stable and move away from relying on grants and toward being able to support the community (in addition to the Fire Dept).

The general feeling is that it is time to reevaluate the event and consider changes and updates for the future. We need some new people to step up.

We discussed opportunities for the future including:

- keeping the event much the same, but adding new committee members
- changing the nature and/or scale of the event, but keeping the date
- discontinuing A&U with the possibility of creating a whole new event

We plan to let the community know the status of A&U and invite them to step up to decide on its future. We will discuss next steps in September and publicize a community meeting in October. In the meantime, we will informally chat with people in the community to get more information and ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28.