Freedom and Unity Task Force
April 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Carol Ceraldi, Daniel Solomon, Wendy Turnbull, Susie Houston, Jeannine Young.
Joining by Zoom: Bru Mille, Maise Franke (NVDA intern)

Working group updates

- Civics Education – planning for Memorial Day observance by Craftsbury Academy students on Fri May 24. Potential use of microgrant funds for food, flowers.
- Reimagining Leadership – next meeting is Mon April 22, 6-7pm, at the Craftsbury Public Library.
- Craftsbury Community Month – total of approx. 18 classes / courses on offer; people are signing up and a few classes are full already. Poster announcing all courses has been posted in several places. Planning a graduation party to thank instructors and students. Potential use of microgrant funds for certificates, cake & refreshments.
- Town Operator's Manual – group did not meet in March.

Other business

- At the task force's request, Maisie Franke gave a presentation about meaningful youth engagement and leadership, as well as pathways for youth/adult partnership.
- Microgrants update: two applications were submitted for town meeting expenses (child care, office supplies) by the first deadline in March. The next deadline is June 30 and Craftsbury has approx. $4,270 remaining to spend. Upcoming potential expenses include Craftsbury University class materials and graduation party, and food and supplies for the Memorial Day observance.
- Jeannine and Wendy reported on their meeting with the selectboard at their April 2 session to discuss future of Freedom & Unity. Selectboard is pleased with activities so far and will seek VLCT guidance about whether working groups of committees are required to warn meetings and submit minutes.
- Next meeting – Tuesday May 14 at 5:30pm, Craftsbury Public Library