Freedom and Unity Task Force
June 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Craftsbury Public Library

Present: Bru Mille, Carol Ceraldi, Daniel Solomon, Wendy Turnbull, Susie Houston, Jeannine Young

Working group updates

- Civics Education – Memorial Day observance by Craftsbury Academy students went well. Microgrant funds will cover food from C Village and Sterling. Carol and Jeannine will meet with new principal at CA over the summer (July-Aug) to review what happened over the past school year, as well as begin planning for the 2024-25 year.
- Reimagining Leadership – no update ; will reconvene after the summer.
- Craftsbury Community Month – about 90 townspeople participated in 17 classes / courses offered. Organized ice cream social to thank the 'teachers' and hand out certificates. Note of thanks to Michelle, town clerk, for printing and other support.

Other business

- Microgrant funds for Craftsbury: next deadline is June 30 for submitting receipts for reimbursement (community month, Memorial Day) or anticipated expenses (tech improvements for meetings @ town hall). Group agreed to propose a "Freedom & Unity Fund" to retain unspent funds (~ $800) for future activity expenses; unclear whether VCF will allow. Wendy will prepare applications to submit for VCF review and approval.
- Revised open meeting rules: look into recent changes enacted by legislature and seek guidance. The question remains whether the task force, which is not an official town committee, is subject to open meeting law. Agreed that the task force will continue to warn agendas and take minutes of meetings in the spirit of transparency.
- Next meeting – task force is taking off for the summer and will reconvene in September. Agreed that meetings should start at 6:00 PM.