TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
SELECT BOARD TOWN MEETING PREVIEW MINUTES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026
10 AM | CRAFTSBURY TOWN HALL

Present Alison Blaney, Jim Jones, Bruce Urie | TOWN CLERK Michelle Warren; Susie Houston; (Amelia – online)

Meeting Agenda

- **Action – Call Meeting to Order:** Jim at 10:04 am
- **Discussion – Discuss and Review Town Warning & Budget**

Board opened meeting to questions. Town Clerk provided draft of Australian Ballot: candidates shown are same as last year except for the auditor – will not be Michael Waterhouse; Ann Ingerson. Fortunate to get her (related to Article 1 – Elect Town Officers). SB continued review of all eleven articles listed, including Article 4 covering operating expenses for Town $1,116,584 (covered by $723,471.86 in tax revenues; $393,112.14 non-tax revenue). Article 5: Fire Department expenditures for year – $72,500: a bit more due to increases in dues, communications dispatch (increases annually), equipment replacement costs (example of dues include for Natural Resources Conservation District membership – remote fire hydrants, etc.; county classes for all who attend. Extremely fortunate to have first-responders; core group of six people. Important to have them. Articles 6 & 7: Organized to match layout in back of report – by amounts. First time Town required petitions with signatures. Article 8: The Town's RCLA lowest it has ever been; 57.77 – submitted requests for reappraisals but three years out; not the only Town. Appraisers are overwhelmed with work. Town budget lower than in prior years. Town currently working on document; when anyone building in Town, must complete document with information (can show appraiser). Like a building form notification; with a small fee. Must understand rules and laws concerning 911 address requirements, flood plains, etc. Town Old Home Day Second Saturday in August. No Antiques & Unique festival this year. Town Meeting will include Australian voting booths similar to last year (9 am to 7 pm) in back corner. School will present first at 9 am and then Town at around 11 am.

Public Questions: Susie Houston – Road crew applicants? Three applicants. What is Town's role in determining future of Sterling College campus with ending its degree program? Some groups would like to see the Town take more of active role in discussions, attending meetings. Headwater has put forth a proposal; people are excited about; includes Sapling program. Headwater would like for Town to take initiative. Bruce Urie: Town was taking a stand-off position; waited to see if a solid plan had come together. Amelia (online): Appreciate going through it; interested in Sterling and what's happening. If they let it be known when they are scheduling meetings, it would let everyone know – it would bring people together a bit more, including Select Board. Has been very helpful; thanks for taking time. Energy Committee work is astounding; using less heating fuel as result.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:02 am

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Hudson, Select Board