Freedom and Unity Committee
February 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Craftsbury Public Library

Present: Jeannine Young, Bru Mille, Susie Houston, Wendy Turnbull, Michelle Warren
Excused: Ada Allen, Daniel Solomon, Emma Stout

2026 Town Meeting

- Set up for TMD – Mon March 2 @ 1:00pm, Craftsbury Academy Gym
- F&U table – sign up forms for Craftsbury Univ; advertise committee vacancies; solicit TMD feedback
- Childcare – a few RSVPs have come in, deadline is Fri 2/27. Susie will confirm with parents, childcare staff and library
- Food – all is confirmed with Academy's 8th and 11th grade classes
- Sound & accessibility – check sound system during Mon setup; Michelle to follow-up with CA principal about access and set up, as well as about students willing to serve as microphone runners

Working Group updates:

- Civics Education
    - Our third mock town meeting went well. Great to have a student co-moderator (name picked out of a hat); all agreed we should maintain that role going forward. Stickers are back from printers.
    - Nice article in The Chronicle, complete with picture of Jeannine and Hayla.
    - Look into whether Erica
- Leadership – no update; Daniel urging group to consider new pointperson and members for this working group as he's not always here. Discussion about F&U being point for publicizing committee vacancies and encouraging folks to get involved.
- Craftsbury University
    - April 24 - May 17, 2026
    - Working group is rebranding Craftsbury Univ to emphasize neighbors sharing skills and knowledge. And giving thought to class offerings to engage more men, as well as sessions that are for men-only.
    - Bru proposed possible Saturday morning session – How Does Craftsbury Work? – featuring key town staff (fire dept, road crew, etc) outlining their functions and responding to questions from residents. Similar to a job fair-style event. End of April, perhaps?

Other business:

- Public informational meeting
    - Poor turnout on Sat Feb 7. Group agreed it's not worth organizing again. Better to publicize SB budget sessions and encourage residents to participate if they have questions and concerns they'd like to raise.
- Town committees needing new members – Recreation, Planning, Conservation. Promote at Town Meeting and beyond.

Next meeting:

- Weds March 11, 5-6pm at Craftsbury Public Library