Freedom and Unity Committee
February 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Craftsbury Public Library

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

Working Group updates:

- Civics Education
    - Reviewed logistical details for Craftsbury Academy mock town meeting to be held on Mon Feb 16. Michelle will provide ballot box and gavel; Don lined up to lead group song; Jeannine following up with local papers. A fifth grader will be chosen to co-moderate with Jeannine.
    - Judged the Town Meeting Day artwork entries from CA students for the sticker contest. The principal will be notified of winner and runners up. Bru and Michelle to find bigger, easier to peel stickers to hand out at TM.
- Leadership – no update, but group agreed that this working group could and should take the lead on encouraging and recruiting residents to run for office every year.
- Craftsbury University – working group has resumed meeting to plan for spring course offerings. Next meeting scheduled for Sun Feb 15 at Craftsbury Public Library.

Other business:

- Public informational meeting – preview of town meeting & budget preview session is happening on Sat Feb 7 from 10-11am at Town Hall.
    - Set up Town Hall on Fri Feb 6 at 4pm
    - Jeannine, Susie and Wendy will provide refreshments. Michelle will have handouts available.
    - No sound system needed, as we're not expecting a large crowd.
    - Wendy and Susie will post on FPF about the preview session, including Zoom link and online copy of 2025 town report.
- Preparations for Town Meeting Day
    - 2025 Annual Report is complete, currently at printers. Should go out in the mail within the next week or two.
    - Ballots have to be printed and ready by Feb 11 for mailing in absentee.
    - Fri Feb 27 is the deadline to rsvp for childcare during or rideshare to & from Town Meeting. RSVPs will go to Town Clerk, with Susie taking lead in organizing.
    - Group reviewed draft FPF schedule & assignments for posts in lead up to Town Meeting Day.
    - Next selectboard meeting is Mon Feb 23; discussed F&U attending to participate in discussions around Town Meeting.
    - No consensus on whether F&U should table during Town Meeting. To de discussed at 2/25 meeting.

Next meeting:

- Weds Feb 25th, 5-6pm at Craftsbury Public Library