**Freedom and Unity Committee**
March 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Craftsbury Public Library

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

2026 Town Meeting

- Town Meeting Day attendance was good, about 170 people
- Good to announce break for lunch during town meeting. Keep tradition of hot lunch in the cafeteria and think about breaking at 11:30am, leaving a few items to vote on afterwards.
- Childcare worked well again. Two adults and one high schooler (Emma) supervised a dozen kids for 3 hours. Most RSVPs came in on the deadline, Fri Feb 27. Town Clerk served as RSVP contact; maintain that next year. Cost: $180
- Think about seeking a small grant from VT Community Foundation to cover TMD childcare and Craftsbury Univ costs. Michelle noted a new grant manager, Emily, at VCF to follow up with.
- Sound quality deteriorated somewhat this year. Not sure why. Recruit a knowledgeable sound person to help troubleshoot the issue/s early in 2027. Moderator gave instructions for how to hold and speak into the microphone, but many speakers were difficult to hear and understand. Keep mic runners.
- Good to have a handouts table (put near entrance / voter sign in) for OSSU, school board and town materials. Others made use of it as well. Put CA student winner stickers out for people to take ($130).
- Idea / comment board – received a few suggestions this year on the piece of brown craft paper we affixed to the wall. Provide a basket of colored markers for people to write with.
- Wrist bands – only get the kind with the sticky tape. Easier, faster to put on than the wrist bands with plastic tabs.
- Voting slips of paper – usually kept up front by the ballot box. Think about having them at the voter sign in table, handing out as needed. Pencils, too?

Working Group updates:

- Civics Education
    - Meeting with CA principal on April 8 to discuss Memorial Day observance
    - Memorial Day observance will be May 22; no rain date yet
- Craftsbury University
    - April 24 - May 17, 2026
    - Weekly FPF posts; 14 classes confirmed so far
    - Next meeting is Sun March 15; will meet again in early April

Other business:

- Possible collaboration with Greensboro Communications Working Group – legislative update from local reps (May/June?); candidate forums for VT Senate & House seats (ahead of Aug primary, ahead of general election in Nov). Wendy will reach out to Liz Steel in Greensboro to gauge interest.

Next meeting:

- Weds April 8, 5-6pm at Craftsbury Public Library