TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026
9 AM | CRAFTSBURY TOWN HALL

Present Jim Jones, Bruce Urie| TOWN CLERK Michelle Warren

Meeting Agenda

- **Action — Call Meeting to Order | Jim at 9:03 am**
- **Action — Changes to Agenda |** Liquor License topic: add two items: for The Genny (2) and North Hardwick Farm LLC (1) for Makers, Creators and Collectors Faire on the 11th and move to top. Move tax rate to bottom.
- **Action — Liquor License Approvals**
    1. North Hardwick Farm LLC: **Bruce motioned to approve the special events permit liquor license application for North Hardwick Farm LLC for the July 11th Makers, Creators and Collectors Faire; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**
    2. The Genny: Two applications from The Genny Owning Company LLC: one for second-class license and the other for tobacco. **Bruce motioned to approve both applications; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**
    3. The Blackbird Bistro: Three applications: first-class restaurant bar license; third-class restaurant bar license; outside consumption permit: **Bruce motioned to approve all three applications; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**
- **Discussion and Possible Action — Approve the Annual 8% Late Filing Penalty for Homestead Declarations**

  Every year must approve the 8% late-filing fee charge for the homestead declaration; a state average that is allowed. "The Homestead Declaration must be filed each year by Vermont residents for purposes of the state education tax rate." Bruce motioned to approve the 8% late-filing penalty for homestead declarations; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.
- **Action — Approve Fireworks Permit(s)**

  Michele & Jason Martin: **Bruce motioned to approve the Fireworks Permit for Michele Martin for Paquette Road; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**
  The Genny: pending application; documents to come.
- **Discussion and Possible Action — Authorize the Chair to Execute Bridge Loan Documents, if Available**

  Documents being prepared; contact stated they might be done today. **Jim motioned to authorize co-chair Bruce Urie to execute the bridge loan documents when completed and available; Bruce seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**
- ~~**Action — Approve Liquor Licenses**~~ **(moved to top)**
  ~~a) three for the Blackbird Bistro; b) two for The Genny; c) one for North Hardwick Farm LLC~~

- **Action — Review and Approve Minor Revisions to the Tax Bill Flyer**

  Minor changes before printing. **Bruce motioned to approve the property tax information sheet regarding the accounting to be included in the tax bills; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**

- **Action — Review and Approve Minor Revisions to the Building Notification FAQ Page**

  Based on a public presentation; suggested updating notification to include information about new energy laws now applicable to homeowners, e.g., rules for energy efficiency, etc. **Jim motioned to approve the minor revisions to the Building Notification FAQ webpage; Bruce seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**

- **Action — Approve and Authorize Signing of the Better Roads Grant Agreement**

  The $36K for the Demeritt project that starts July 9th: **Bruce motioned to approve accept the Better Roads Grant agreement; Jim seconded. All ayed. Motion passed.**

- **Action — Set Tax Rate |** Board reviewed documents, data. Last year's Town tax rate was .742; this year will be a bit less. **Jim motioned to set the 2026 tax rate at .739; Bruce seconded.** No further discussion. **All ayed. Motion passed.**

- **Public Comment**

  None.

- **Set Next Meeting Date |** Regular meeting set for 7 pm on Tuesday, July 7th at Town Hall.

- **Adjourn |** Jim adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Hudson, Select Board Clerk