Freedom and Unity Committee
Sept 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Craftsbury Public Library

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

Working Group updates:

- Craftsbury University – no update
- Civics Education
    - Unclear whether CA has the bandwidth to host an issues forum featuring state Senator Morley and Representative Harple; Susie following up
- Leadership – no update

Other business:

- Official ballot for Nov general election will be posted soon. Sec of State mails paper ballots & envelopes to all registered voters in Vermont; should start arriving in late September.
- Michelle will post reminders on FPF about mailing in ballots, hours for voting on Nov 3, etc.
- Committee members agreed that holding a candidate forum for uncontested VT Senate & House seats doesn't make a lot of sense. Rather, let's see if an "issues forum" featuring the two candidates would be of interest to community members and if Craftsbury Academy students & faculty would like to host, if the CA schedule will allow. Susie to follow up with the principal.
- Old Home Day – low turnout and participation in the town's OHD activities and parade was mentioned. Agreed that it's a long term trend, which spawned a short conversation about how F&U might lend a hand in rejuvenating this annual celebration of Craftsbury and its people.
- Recruitment of new F&U members – agreed to add to our next meeting agenda.

Next meeting:

- Weds Oct 14, 5-6pm at Craftsbury Public Library