

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND
CHARTER**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Warren, on March 2, 1999, created the Conservation Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquisition and perpetual protection of critical agriculture, forest, and open lands in the Town; and the Warren Selectboard, on August 8, 2000, created the Warren Conservation Committee.

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Warren, on March 6, 2007, created the Warren Conservation Commission; and the Warren Selectboard, on April 24, 2007, dissolved the Warren Conservation Committee and formed the Warren Conservation Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the purpose of the Conservation Commission shall be to recommend to the Selectboard actions on land conservation projects and any expenditure of funds from the Conservation Reserve Fund. The Selectboard shall seek the recommendation of the Conservation Commission prior to making decisions on expenditures of funds from the Conservation Reserve Fund; and

The Conservation Commission will stay abreast of potential conservation projects within the Town of Warren, and will evaluate prospective land conservation projects as they are brought to the Town for consideration; and

The Selectboard should seek to add to the Conservation Reserve Fund annually through a Town Meeting article; and

The Conservation Reserve Fund may be used to purchase parcels out right. However, to maximize positive benefits to the Town whenever possible, the fund should be used for acquiring options or easements to leverage additional conservation funds rather than for outright land purchase; and

The Conservation Reserve Fund shall be used for land conservation only, and shall not be used for the purchase or preservation of buildings or structures (except where indirectly involved in a land conservation project); and

The Conservation Reserve Fund may be used for repair and restoration of lands conserved, in part or in full, by the Town of Warren; and

The Warren Conservation Commission shall work closely with the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership, and the Vermont Land Trust and other organizations with land conservation goals and objectives consistent with those of the Conservation Commission and the Warren Town Plan; and

The Conservation Commission shall have seven members, with four-year terms, appointed by the Selectboard. All members shall be residents of the Town of Warren. In appointing members, the Selectboard shall work to include individuals with experience in areas such as forestry, real estate,

agriculture, planning and land conservation, and others with strong working knowledge of Warren's land and history; and

The Conservation Commission may identify desired parcels or land areas for conservation; and

In making recommendations on land conservation projects, the Conservation Commission will be guided first by the goals and objectives of the Warren Town Plan. The Conservation Commission will also use the Mad River Valley Rural Resource Protection Plan, the Conservation Opportunities and Inventory of Natural and Cultural Features in the Mad River Watershed and the LESA analysis method where appropriate; and

In its activities, project evaluations, and recommendations the Conservation Commission will work to further the goals and objectives of the Warren Town Plan and Land Use & Development Regulations.

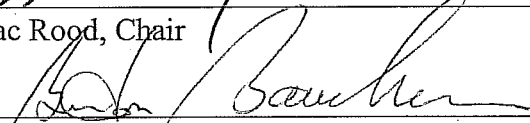
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warren Selectboard to adopt this Charter, which will guide the Warren Conservation Commission; and contributions and expenditures from the Warren Conservation Reserve Fund.

Passed this 24 day of April, 2007.

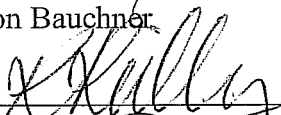
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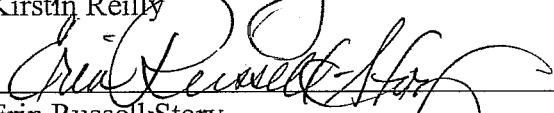
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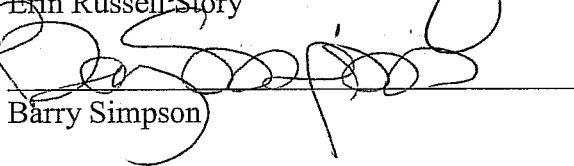
Burton Bauchner



Kirstin Reilly



Erin Russell-Story



Barry Simpson

The above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as finally adopted at a meeting of the Warren Selectboard held on 24 day of April, 2007, and duly recorded in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 25 day of April, 2007.



Reta Goss, Warren Town Clerk

Warren Town Clerk received for 2
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Reta Goss