

## Town of Warren Plants Trees

### In conjunction with Warren Main Street Down Town Project

The Town of Warren was hit hard by Hurricane Irene. Many homes and some businesses were flooded and damaged and as in much of Vermont following the disaster, Warren residents came together to help each other rebuild. Additionally, the Town received a FEMA grant to repair damage caused by the flooding of Freeman Brook.

The Planning Commission took the opportunity to parlay the grant into a downtown improvement project, which included pervious paving, in the form of cobbles and bricks, to designate parking and village entrances, granite bollards and tree planting. The village has always had a nebulous form of a large expanse of asphalt with disorganized parking and Main Street all bleeding together. The project created clarity and texture by changing the ground plane of the village. It also replaced two beloved old trees that had been recently removed and were sorely missed.

The Tree Planting Grant from the Department of Forestry and Recreation helped fund the planting of two of the four trees in our downtown improvement project. They are Acer Freemanis and will grow to provide shade and scale to Warren Village for many years to come.

The project was constructed leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, which is a very big event in Warren Village. Thousands of people show up for the Warren Parade, so there was a lot of pressure to complete the project by that date or at least complete it enough for the parade to happen safely. The trees were planted soon after the 4<sup>th</sup> and the summer visitors have been able to enjoy the updated village and tree plantings.