

## **Minutes of November 14, 2017**

Warren Selectboard

7:00 PM

Warren Municipal Building

**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Luke Youmell, Randy Graves & Clay Mays.

**Others Present:** Ray Weston, Sam TV 44/45, Dick King, & Cindi Jones.

**7:00 PM** – Public Comment – None

**7:02 PM** – Call to order by Mr. Cunningham, Chair.

**7:03 PM – Highway Check In – Ray Weston** – Mr. Weston reported that it has been a very busy year. The crew replaced 12 culverts, put out about 3,500 yards of gravel, 160 hours of mowing and have been hauling in material for various projects. The Airport Road FEMA Project and the Back Roads Project have been completed with new culverts and rock line ditching. Stetson Hollow has been completed to the parking lot. The amount of chloride used is down from last year as the roller has been making a great difference in grading/watering/rolling the roads keeps the water tight down into the ground making the road pack like pavement. The crew worked on the Dump Road as well with rock line ditching, added gravel and completed 2 of the hydrologically connected segments on that road. Mr. Weston updated the board that he has received a quote from John Deere for the new grader at \$293,900.00 which is planned in the equipment schedule. This will replace the 1988 grader which will be traded in and has been subtracted from the original price of the Grader at \$350,000.00. Mr. Weston also wanted to explain the answer to why the ditches are so deep as people perceive them that they are deep. When replacing culverts, best BMPs at least require a 2' cover over the culvert, which puts the ditch to 42" which keeps the water at the base of the road to keep it off the top of the road. They may seem deep, but it is a visual thing with different people. The board thanked Mr. Weston and commended the crew for all exemplary work this past year.

**7:20 PM – Decision on Plowing of the Warren School** – The board had received an RFP that was sent out from the Unified School District for plowing the other schools and Warren was not on the list. The Selectboard was not pleased seeing that Warren School had been left off the list when the school is now part of the new Unified District. Mr. Cunningham had presented some options that the board could do to the board. Options were: refuse to plow and force them to hire a contractor, plow as we always have, plow until they can find a contractor and figure out how to budget. Mr. Mays commented that the District should put it out to bid and the Town will cover until December 14. The board felt that there seems to be not much communication with the Unified District on issues such as plowing, mowing, the generator and the school as a shelter as if Warren is expected to continue its services. All taxpayers are paying expenses for the Unified District and Warren should be included with all the other schools. Mr. Cunningham, will contact Mr. Daigle, Facilities Manager, and let them know what the board decided.

**7:45 PM – Lease Lot Approval to Town Agent for Lease Land Conveying to Jeffrey M. Resnick** – Mr. King had presented to the board a warranty deed to clear up a title issue as back in the 1700's these lots would pay lease amounts to the Town as taxes. Today, the State has taken this over, where the property tax replaces this. The board has seen a few of these from other attorneys.

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Motion by Mr. Cunningham to appoint Wayne Kathan as agent to convey all of the Town's right, title and fee interest, if any, in and to the English School Lease lands at 211 Cider Hill Road, Warren, Vermont, to Jeffrey M. Resnick, Trustee of the Jeffrey M. Resnick Revocable Trust u/t/a dated September 24, 2013 (the "Trustee"). Execution of the deed may occur at any time following passage of this option and prior compliance with 24 VSA 1061 provided, however, that delivery of the executed deed shall not be made by the agent to the Trustee until the agent established full compliance with 24 VSA 1061., second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**Blanket Request of right when to be used applicable for Lease Land Lots** – Ms. Getzinger had presented a legal document that could be used for any of these old lease lots from the 1700's. Ms. Getzinger and Ms. Olenick have indicated that in most cases this will work taking the request for public hearing, warning it and discussing at meeting from the Selectboards time as it is very minor title issue. Mr. King commented that some attorneys will accept this as a legal clearing of the minor title issue but not all attorneys.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the document as stated, second by Mr. Ackland.  
All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

### **Other Business:**

Transfer of excess Bridge money to Capital Bridge Account: - Ms. Jones presented to the board that there was \$100,151.17 excess in the general Bridge Fund and would like to have it transferred to the Capital Bridge Account. As stated in Vermont State Statutes, all excess highway money must stay within the highway. It will be available for any bridge projects in 2018.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to transfer \$100,151.17 to the Capital Bridge Fund, second by Mr. Ackland.  
All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:55 -Mad River Valley Town Leadership Meeting-** Mr. Ackland highlighted to the board that the MRV District will presenting their strategic plan, Ridge to River – Corrie Miller will do a presentation for Clean Water & Resilience, the annual MRV data update will be presented by the Mad River Planning District, and The Mad River Planning District will present their budget. The meeting is Thursday, November 16, at 6:00 PM, at the Waitsfield Elementary School.

**8:05 PM -Approval of Accounts Payable** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$90,341.82, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:07 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$25,431.19, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:08 PM – Approval of Minutes for October 24, 2017** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2017, second by Mr. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**Update on Lights for the Main Street Bridge** – Mr. Graves commented that Mr. Sanford indicated that the Main Street Lights should be here in December. Mr. Mays is waiting for the plates to attached to the bridge for the lights.

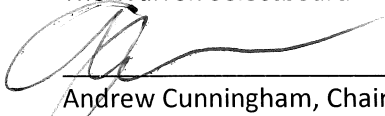
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Mr. Graves also commented that the Mad River Riders have purchased a groomer to groom the trails at Blueberry Lake for fat bikes to use in the winter.

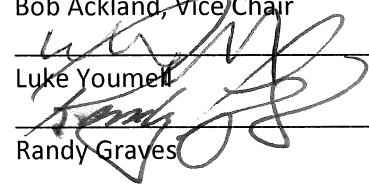
**8:15 PM – Motion by adjourn** by Mr. Cunningham, Second by Mr. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard

  
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Andrew Cunningham, Chair

Bob Ackland, Vice Chair

  
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Randy Graves

Clay Mays

## **NOTICE**

Pursuant to 24 VSA § 1061(a)(1) notice is hereby given that the Warren Select Board will consider, at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2017 beginning at <sup>7:45</sup> 7 p.m., conveying to JEFFREY M. RESNICK, Trustee of the Jeffrey M. Resnick Revocable Trust u/d/a September 24, 2013, all of the Town's right title and interest in and to the English School Lease Lot located at 211 Cider Hill Road, Warren, Vermont, to release those lands from the terms of the referenced English School Lot Lease.