

**The Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday February 27, 2017**

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Members Present: Mike Ketchel, Camilla Behn, Jim Sanford, Allison Duckworth and Randy Graves.

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

Agenda: Call meeting to order 7:30 pm.

- 1) Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 7:45
- 2) CVRPC request for Planning Commission input for the Regional Energy Plan process
(continued from February 3rd, meeting)
 - a) Known Constraints Map:
 - b) Possible Constraints Map:
 - c) Regional Constraints Map:
- 3) Request for input from Karen Horn (Upcoming testimony regarding energy planning standards)
 - a) How is your town addressing energy planning?
 - b) Is your planning commission facing any challenges? If so, what are they?
 - c) Does your town currently have renewable energy generation siting proposals?
- 4) RFP for Consultant, Comprehensive Update of the Warren Town Plan
- 5) Review & sign minutes, February 13, 2017 draft
- 6) New and other business

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

The first item the Commission attended to was to review some proposed language for items 3 and 4 that they had discussed at the last meeting for the survey for the Regional Energy Plan. They also briefly reviewed the answers they had agreed on at the last meeting with those who were not there. The members agreed to the responses as written and Mr. Ketchel said he would submit the survey by weeks end.

The VT league of Cities and Towns [VLCT] is also looking for some feedback from the Planning Commission. They asked for responses to three questions pertaining to the energy planning determination standards and recommendations called for in Act 174. Since the PC had recently updated Chapter 5, Power to the People, of the Town Plan they felt they had addressed energy planning thoroughly. As to what challenges they were facing they felt that as a volunteer board they were faced with an increasing amount of regulations that were placed upon the towns as unfunded mandates. When asked if the town had any current renewable energy generation siting proposals they answered that currently we did not.

The Commission asked for a status report on the RFP that was issued for consultant help in updating the Town Plan. Mr. Malboeuf told the PC that it went out right after the last meeting with the corrections they requested. The RFP has been posted on two list-serves: the VT Planners Association and the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planners Association. It was also mentioned that it was on a State of VT site as well. The deadline for submissions to the PC is March 7th.

The PC members reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting. In new and other business Ms. Behn reported on the CVRPC meeting where the two main topics of interest were the examples of health supporting language in the Barre City Plan and the Energy Survey the PC finished earlier in the meeting. Mr. Sanford said he would attend the upcoming TAC meeting but had too many meetings and couldn't be the TAC representative going forward. Ms. Behn said she'd take the TAC position but after two years needed to

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relinquish her position as the CVRPC rep. Since Mr. Raddock works in Montpelier it was suggested that maybe he would be willing to be the CVRPC rep. In a report from Mr. Sanford about the MRVPD Steering committee he said that the Valley-wide Annual Data Report was about to be published. One piece of information that he found interesting was the declining numbers for grades 9 through 12 at Harwood. This was partially believed to be to a shift in the way students were being graded/evaluated. It was also brought up that with spring projects on the horizon that the PC wanted to make sure that the Town Green project did not get overlooked, as it was supposedly on track to be done this year. It was determined that when the water main/parking lot project was up for discussion on the Select Board's agenda that the PC would make sure to have some member(s) in attendance. In general discussion the members briefly spoke about the possible effect to the Valley with the purchase of Stowe Resort by Vail. It was also mentioned that New York State is planning on spending money on White Face/Gore Mountain to enhance summertime activities.

At the next meeting on March 13th the PC will elect new officers, review the RFP submittals and review the Warren Main Street Improvement Project timeline. Ms. Behn noted that she would not be able to attend the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

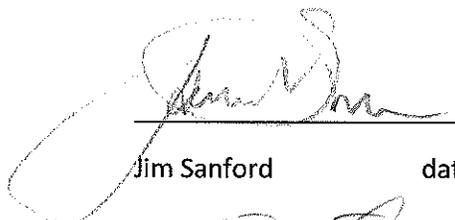
Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

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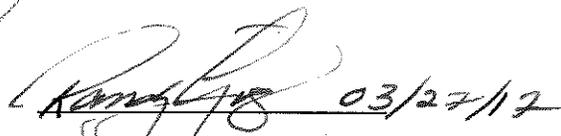
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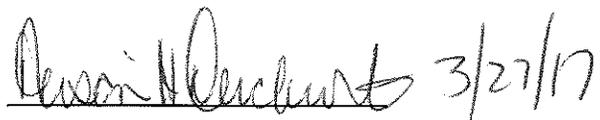
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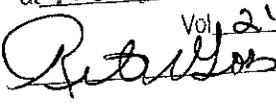
Camilla Behn date

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Randy Graves date

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Alison Duckworth date

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