

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday June 12, 2017**

Members Present: Mike Ketchel, Camilla Behn, Mike Bridgewater, Randy Graves, Alison Duckworth, Jim Sanford and Dan Raddock.

Others Present: Gene Bifano, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

Agenda: Call meeting to order, 7:30 pm.

- 1) Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 7:45
- 2) Town Plan Update, revised survey (link) for PC to review and revise; distribution to start on the June 15th.
- 3) Dog Ordinance
- 4) Design Standards for Warren Village
- 5) Review & sign minutes May 22, 2017
- 6) Other & New business:

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. There was no public comment and the members immediately began reviewing revisions to the survey created to provide feedback for the PC in updating the Town Plan. The plan was to have the survey begin distribution June 15th. Mr. Ketchel said he would speak with Ms. Loomis at the Valley Reporter about doing a piece in the paper. In addition to using an online survey the Commission is also having three to four boxes in traffic areas for folks to submit handwritten surveys. Locations discussed were the Warren Store, Mac's, East Warren Community Market, Paradise Deli and the Warren Library. The question was asked as to whether or not we should have one in Waitsfield due to the commercial traffic there. A couple of minor changes/typos were discussed and the PC decided that the closing date for the survey would be Monday July 10th.

The next topic of discussion was the Warren dog Ordinance. Mr. Bifano, a town Constable, has been seeking some additional "teeth" in the ordinance to assist in enforcement. Though the PC had made some changes some time ago, Mr. Bifano did not feel the language was such that it was "enforceable". Mr. Bifano did stress that he was not seeking to go looking for situations to issue tickets but more to be able to respond to complaints or obvious times when he came upon a dog that was unlicensed, in an unsafe situation or creating a nuisance. He went on to say that he would give the dog owner a choice: get your dog licensed, put it on a leash or whatever remedy was appropriate for the situation before issuing a ticket. Repeat offenders would get ticketed. Mr. Sanford said he thought a clear dog ordinance was needed and that enforcing the requirement for all dogs to be licensed was important. Mr. Ketchel said he would speak to the Select Board Chairman to get clarification as to what the SB wanted to see done.

The subject of design standards, especially in Warren Village came up again as to do so in the Land Use Regulations would require some appropriate language in the Town Plan. After some discussion the general consensus was that the members did not want to travel down that road.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed. A brief update on the Warren Main Street Improvement Project was discussed with the feeling that all seemed to be on schedule. In other business Mr. Bridgewater told the PC that the Ridge to Rivers group was putting together a task force to implement outreach on the topic. He also reminded them of a Public Forum that will be in October. Mr. Sanford said

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the Steering committee would not be meeting until next week but noted that Ms. Kinney was looking into other options for funding on a bike rack since the grant applied for was not granted.

With no other business, the PC adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

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Mike Ketchel date

Jim Sanford 6-26-17

Jim Sanford date

Dan Raddock 6/26/17

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Randy Graves 06/26/17

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Mike Bridgewater 6/26/17

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Camilla Behn 6/26/17

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Alison Duckworth date

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