

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday June 26, 2017**

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

Others Present: Kristine Kenney, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

- 1) Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 7:45
- 2) Update on Warren Main Street improvement project, Feedback, comments, Bike Rack
- 3) Town Plan Update, 2017 Community Survey (link); Update
- 4) Review & sign minutes June 12, 2017
- 5) Other & New business:

Mr. Sanford called the meeting to order, 7:30 pm.

With there being no public comment the PC moved on to an update of Main Street Improvement Project. The LPM, Mr. Camara, provided the PC with a summary that listed the completed items, those planned for this week and what might not be done by July 4th. Mr. Sanford reported that he had done some looking for some "farm implements" that could be utilized for a creative bike rack and had a couple of possibilities. A couple of the members shared comments/complaints they had heard regarding the project. Mr. Malboeuf noted that the grant called for a final hearing which the PC currently has scheduled for the Monday July 24th meeting. Concerns were expressed about how close to the traveled roadway a new tree was planted to the south of the Warren Store. It was also queried as to who would be responsible for the maintenance of the new trees and plantings as well as the stormwater catch basins and permeable pavers.

There was a brief update on the progress of the community survey which Ms. Saxton reported 135 online responses. Several PC members had sent the link out to their email lists and a couple took a handful of hard copies to hand out to people. A comment was made that the length of the survey may be off-putting for some as it takes 15 to 20 minutes to complete. The deadline for responses is Monday July 10th.

The Warren Conservation Commission is having a presentation on Tuesday June 27th on a study done by Arrowwood Environmental regarding the wildlife corridors in Warren. They specifically looked at an area they named Warren corridor Conservation Area [WCCA] also known by many as the Top Gas parcel. They also looked at part of the Eaton Town Forest parcel which is not too far away from the WCCA. A couple of the PC members expressed interest in going and noted that there has to be some balance between the protection of wildlife and allowing for recreation on town owned land, especially since the latter is important to local residents but is also a draw for the visitors and second homeowners who help our local economy. Some commented that we have ample forested areas in Warren and were interested in just how one measures the effects of human activity on wildlife.

The members reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting of June 12th. In other business Mr. Sanford reported that the Steering Committee learned about the new Municipal Roads General Permit which establishes road standards to help in controlling stormwater. Mr. Raddock shared information about the "shift" that seems to have taken place with the new state administration regarding renewable energy initiatives. Though it does not appear as if the new governor will do away with the goals set by the previous administration, there seems to be no activity in supporting the reaching of said goals [90% renewables by 2050].

And one last comment on the ongoing but going nowhere modification of the Warren Dog Ordinance: people need to talk to people versus having a dog warden with a ticket book.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

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Camilla Behn date

Dan Raddock date 7/10/17

Mike Bridgewater date 7/10/17

Jim Sanford date 7.10.17

Randy Graves date 07/10/17

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