

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday October 10, 2017**

- Members Present: Dan Raddock, Randy Graves, Jim Sanford, Alison Duckworth, Camilla Behn and Mike Ketchel.
- Others Present: Damon Reed, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.
- Agenda: Call the meeting to order, 7:30 pm
- 1) Opportunity for Public Comment
 - 2) Town Plan Update, Review materials provided by, Brandy Saxton
 - a) Warren Community Survey
 - b) Revised chapter draft
 - 3) Review & sign minutes September 25, 2017
 - 4) Other & New business:

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm. There was no public comment.

The PC members began the meeting with discussing the final summary of the Community Survey that was done back at the beginning of the summer. Though the response was considered good, especially since the number of respondents was more than previous surveys done by the PC, it was pointed out that it was only approximately 4% of the Town's population. Though the low percentage does not indicate an overwhelming mandate on the issues presented in the survey, it does give a bit of insight as to what people think. As the members continued discussing some of the results of the survey it was suggested that there may be a need for some educational/informational type meetings to let the townspeople know more about certain topics.

One particular item of discussion was the significant support for the encouragement of commercial development on the Access Road. [However, note that there was an equal number of "No Response"]. With the exception of the top of the Access Road where it comes to an end at Sugarbush Resort and Sugarbush Village, the lower three quarters (?) of the Access Road has been closely guarded so that it did not become like that of the access road to Mount Mansfield [Stowe]. It was brought up that many of the parcels along the Access Road would be a challenge to develop in any fashion due to the steep slopes though not impossible. It was also mentioned that the addition of some additional commercial activity would be beneficial to the tax rolls. There are many things that the Town might like to do but just cannot afford. For example, an extensive study, funded by a grant, looked at the potential location of pedestrian trails/walkways between the resort and German Flats Road. Though many people would likely support such a project, at what cost? How could it be funded? An increase in taxes is not the direction the Town really wants to take. Yet, can the Town afford to just attract folks who "just like it here".

The PC reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Ketchel said he would make sure he got an electronic copy of the draft in process from Ms. Saxton so that the members could use it to make their suggestions. There was a reminder of the "Climate of Change" forum at Lareau the next night.

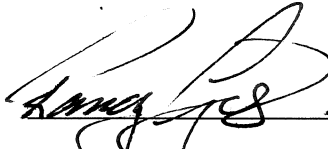
The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

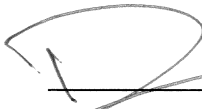
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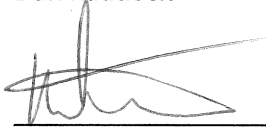
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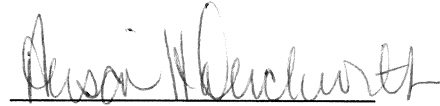

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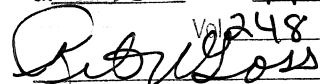

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