## Town of Warren Planning Commission Minutes of Meeting Monday March 26, 2018

Members Present:

Mike Ketchel, Camilla Behn, Jim Sanford, Randy Graves, Alison Duckworth and

Dan Raddock.

Others Present:

Brandy Saxton and Ruth Robbins.

Agenda:

Call meeting to order, 7:30 pm.

1) Public Comment

2) Review/Discussion of Vision Statement, Objectives & Strategies with Ms. Saxton, PlaceSense.

3) Review Minutes of 3/12/18

4) New/Other Business

5) Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

There was no public comment so the PC started right in with Ms. Saxton on the ongoing update of the Town Plan. Mr. Ketchel gave an overview of the concerns the members had expressed at the last meeting, which he had also shared with Ms. Saxton in a phone call. Ms. Saxton first gave a status report telling the members that she was in the midst of creating the maps and charts and finishing up the second round of edits. She then suggested they discuss the vision statement since once they had that nailed down it would help provide direction to the objectives and strategies.

Following their discussion on a Vision statement, the conversation changed to the format and organization of the updated plan. At the last meeting several members felt they needed to see the draft as a whole and were concerned that by doing it in segments that they might be missing something crucial to the plan. They also discussed the pros and cons about having the goals and strategies consolidated together versus having them associated with the section/chapter they relate to. Ms. Saxton suggested that they prioritize the objectives to help decrease the volume as there seemed to be a lot of repetition. Ms. Saxton also commented on the fact that she really didn't have a good feel as to where the PC members wanted to go — what they wanted Warren to be going forward.

The Commission discussed the section on land use, specifically touching on the Meadowland and agricultural, open land areas in town. Ms. Saxton suggested that they could step back from being too specific in the land use section as it could be more effective – that stating "themes" regarding land use would be sufficient. The conversation surrounding land use and what they wanted Warren to be in the future brought the members back to what their "vision" or vision statement might want to convey. The discussion was also helpful to Ms. Saxton who left the meeting feeling she had a better idea of what the PC wanted the Town Plan to say.

The members then reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting of March 12, 2018. They briefly reviewed notices regarding a new tower on Lincoln Peak and the proposed improvements to a trail at Mount Ellen in the neighboring town of Fayston. Also discussed, very briefly, and would be

talked about in more detail at the next meeting, was the proposed kiosk/signage that the MRVPD is spearheading for several of the hiking/biking trails in the valley. It was noted that John Jamison was elected to replace Kari Dolan on the MRVPD and that Alice Graves is now the co-Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

Randy Graves

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Dan Raddock

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Camilla Behn

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Mike Ketchel

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Alison Duckworth

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