

Warren Selectboard
Selectboard Retreat
May 5, 2018
Knoll Farm, Bragg Hill Road, Fayston
8:45 AM

Warren Selectboard Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Luke Youmell and Randy Graves.

Others Present: Peter Forbes, facilitator; Waitsfield Selectboard: Paul Hartshorn, Chair, Sal Spinosa, Vice Chair, Darryl Forrest, Kari Dolan and John Jamieson. Fayston Selectboard: Jared Cadwell and Michael Jordan.

Staff: None.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 A.M.

Tri-Town Selectboard Retreat with Facilitator Peter Forbes.

The Warren Selectboard was invited to participate in the retreat with the Selectboards of Waitsfield and Fayston and facilitator Peter Forbes.

The retreat opened with a “meet and greet” session, where board members got to know each other, discussed their respective backgrounds and interests, and generally talked about why they live and serve the Valley, what they loved about it and what they care about and why.

The three boards all discussed meeting on a regular basis, such as quarterly, and what the best process for scheduling and running those meetings would be. Engaging the Selectboard in Moretown and inviting them to participate was identified as a future task. The retreat was designed to serve as a “free form” discussion about a variety of concerns and opportunities. The Boards worked from a discussion outline provided by the facilitator: notes were taken at the event will be disseminated at a later date.

Agreements to enable this dialogue needed to help future dialogue. Included:

- Put cell phones away for the day.
- Be honest, respectful and direct with one another.
- Be open to other peoples’ ideas.
- Listen as much as you speak.
- Let people finish their thoughts
- Agree to disagree
- Recognized that we have different needs.

Steps going forward to help with future dialogues among Selectboards.

- More social economic information on the 3 towns to understand divides.
- Share contracts and personnel policies between towns.
- Planning Commissions meeting together.
- A valley-wide energy plan.
- Selectboards continue to meet together regularly to vision and problem solve.

- Examine budgets for comparable miles of roads to see what other road budgets are.

Where do we share some resources between towns.

- Mutual aid and fire.
- Recreation district
- Shared library
- Planning District
- Road maintenance (a little)
- Some shared money for health Care (Valley Health Center)
- Mad River
- The Path

Where could we share more resources in the future?

- Valley wide telecommunications
- Road Crew
- Valley wide Energy Plan
- Schools
- Economic development for commercial district.

What are our next steps?

- Regarding Schools: Mr. Youmell, Ms. Dolan and Mr. Cadwell draft a letter for Tri-town Selectboards to hear from our school board representatives.
- Three Towns ask their Planning Commissions to meet with Josh Schwartz to assess congruence of our three plans and future of Irasville.
- Selectboard members expressed the desire to meet quarterly in the late afternoons to keep the dialogue current and effective.

The Warren Selectboard made no formal decisions and took no formal action. The retreat is anticipated to be one of a number of discussion as the three boards look for ways to work together.

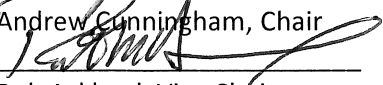
The retreat adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted.

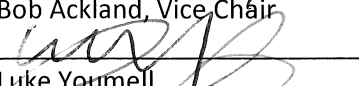
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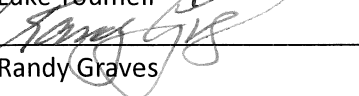
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