

Agenda
December 4, 2018 Rescheduled from
November 27, 2018
Warren Selectboard
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

7:00 PM – Public Comment

✓ 7:15 PM – Liquor License Renewal for Slide Brook Tavern

✓ 7:35 PM – Budget – Public Safety

✓ 7:50 PM – Budget – Emergency Management

✓ 8:15 PM – Budget Warren Fire Dept

✓ 8:30 PM – Conservation Commission Budget

A. Potential Land Tract Addition to Green Mountain National Forest – Rice Property 512 Acres – Lincoln Gap. (Kate Wanner (8:45 PM).

✓ 8:50 PM – Minutes of November 13, 2018 and October 23, 2018

8:51 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

 \$ 1,253,010.30 57,655.23

8:53 PM – Approval of Fothergill, Segal & Valley Contract for Audit Services

9:00 PM – Other Business

*Approval of Liquor License for Ski Club 10 – Signed November 28, 2018

*Approval of State Education Warrant for \$3,330,308.00 – signed November 28, 2018.

*** Agenda Subject to Change***

Warren Selectboard
Minutes of Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Randy Graves & Luke Youmell.

Members Absent: Mary-Ellen Alberti.

Others Present: Marjorie Peff, Vinny (TV 44/45) Dayna Lisaius, Joto Coleman, Kate Wanner, Gene Bifano, Jeff Campbell, Jarrod Alvord & Cindi Jones.

7:00 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:01 PM – Public Comment – Mr. Cunningham commented that the Warren Selectboard is not for or against the LOT Tax but look forward to the continued public out reach and comments on the LOT Tax.

7:02 Liquor License Renewal for Slide Brook Tavern – Marjorie Peff owner of Slide Brook was present to discuss the changes for this season. Ms. Peff commented that they are only open to the guests renting the 17-18 rooms and the serving area will only be open from 5:00-9:00PM. They only plan on serving bottled beer, wine and high-end whisky. Hours will be Thursday-Sunday, closed Tues/Wed and it will be open seasonally until April 15th. Ms. Peff commented that she will be the onsite during those days and that her son Peter has taken another job elsewhere and wishes no longer to be running it. Ms. Peff commented that she does not have the energy to run the place as did her son. Mr. Ackland asked if she was serving food. Ms. Peff commented that it would be a large local cheese plate, cold sandwiches and cheesecake with maybe a chicken pie or lasagna once in a while. The board appreciated Alex Peff's energy in trying to make the place thrive, however his follow through was not good. The board thanked Ms. Peff for coming to the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Liquor license for Slide Brook Tavern, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:15 PM – Emergency Management Budget – Jeff Campbell – Mr. Campbell highlighted the budget that he had an increased his mileage and added an additional new item for emergency management, Memberships. The memberships are to be part of the Emergency Management Managers which is a network of currently 8 people in region one who meet and learn the new state operations. Also, there are 6 of managers who are starting the Vermont Emergency Management Association who will train and assist the new Selectboard members who are newly elected emergency Management Directors. The State keeps changing the structure on the local and federal level. They are also changing the Local Operations plan to the Local Emergency Management Plan.

7:20 PM – Public Safety – Jeff Campbell and Gene Bifano – Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bifano highlighted the budget for 2019. They did increase their mileage and patrol hours as this past year they were out patrolling due to the burglary's and Warren Falls parking issues. The past few years, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bifano have volunteered about 100 to 150 hours of patrol time. The board thanked both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bifano for coming in.

7:30 PM – Warren Fire Dept – Jeff Campbell & Jarrod Alvord – The board looked at the budget and asked about the medical exams line as it has been budgeted for the last 3 years and is never used. Both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Alvord commented that they were going to be using this line and finding out if they need a CDL or a basic physical. Mr. Campbell commented that it would be used if insurance did not pick up the cost. Both would be doing some research on this. Mr. Cunningham inquired on if anything was going on with Sugarbush. Mr. Alvord commented that they have a new representative and the communication lines are really good with Sugarbush. They even had another Sugarbush employee join the fire dept. They had a few more members completed Fire Fighter One and Two. All their fires have been mutual aid fires. Training seems to be going very well as they have a new training officer who is doing some creative training practice scenarios. They have been involved with the new Emergency Plan for Sugarbush Wastewater System as well. The board thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Alvord for coming in.

7:45 PM – Warren Conservation Commission Budget – Jito Coleman – Mr. Coleman commented that there is a general decrease in the budget over the years. A significant increase was a line item for Knotweed Control at \$13,750. The Commission has been working with the surrounding towns on ideas and things that are sort of working for knotweed control and what invasive plant do you tackle first. Mr. Coleman commented that had an idea of a holding pen with signage directing people to the drop off site on the A/R Parcel, inviting public speakers and expert consultants and having the VT Youth Group come and start cutting back some of the large parcels along the roadsides. Mr. Coleman knew of 20 patches that are along the roadsides currently. Mr. Cunningham asked what is the goal that the Town is trying to accomplish. Mr. Coleman stated that there will never be complete eradication of the plant. The goal is to slow down the growth in new areas and the best time is at the early growth. Mr. Graves asked if there would be a benefit to have all the towns pool into a fund for this. Mr. Coleman commented it was asked at the local Tri-Town Conservation meeting and it was not a favorable response from Waitsfield or Fayston. Mr. Cunningham commented that this would be a good topic at Town meeting and that an article be placed on the warning for the voters to decide if this is an important issue as it would be a good public education place. The board agreed to put an article on the warning for this and cut it out of the Conservation Commissions Budget.

Potential Land Track Addition to Green Mountain National Forest – Rice Property 512 Acres – Lincoln Gap - Ms. Wanner on the Conservation Commission had presented to the board their support letter of the Land Acquisition to the Green Mountain National Forest. This project will secure highly ranked core forestland, important headwater streams, rare wildlife habitat, a broad scenic viewshed from the Mad River Byway, and recreation opportunities of statewide significance. Conserving the property will secure 1.2 miles of the Catamount Trail, and buffer .4 miles of the Long Trail, two trails of statewide significance. This project will protect 60 acres of riparian areas along more than 4 miles of headwater streams of Lincoln and Bradley Brook, tributaries of the Mad River. The support letter is for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Town Selectboard approved this project on November 23, 2004 as a good acquisition. The Forest Service did not need the Towns approval again, but the Conservation Commission would like to have an updated support letter on town letterhead to go in with the grant. Sometime next year the Conservation Commission will be asking for some donation from the conservation Fund to help support the project for legal, documentation costs, survey etc.

The 512 acres is assessed at \$483,100 on the grand list. Ms. Wanner commented that there would be little impact. Mr. Ackland commented that there will be some financial impact that could increase the tax rate. Ms. Wanner will send over a draft support letter for the board to review and sign. Ms. Wanner did comment that the Town of Lincoln is in 100% for the acquisition.

8:25 PM – Approval of Fothergill, Segal & Valley Contract for Audit Services – All the board members thought that they were doing a good job for the Town. Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the audit service contract with Fothergill, Segal & Valley for the 2018 audit, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:30 PM -Approval of Minutes for October 23, 2018 – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of October 23, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:33 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as presented for \$ 1,253,010.30, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:36 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$ 57,655.23, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:38 PM – Approval of Minutes of the Tri-Town Flo Meeting November 13, 2018 – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2018, second Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:40 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Ski Club 10 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Ski Club 10, liquor license, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:42 PM – Approval of State Education Warrant for \$3,330,208.00 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the first ½ of the State Education Payment, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:44 PM – Approval of the 1/3 payment of the Harwood Unified District of \$1,425,426.13 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Harwood Unified District School payment as presented for \$1,425,426.13, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Other Business

Ms. Lisaius provided the board with an employee evaluation form to look at for employees to fill out. Some of the questions were not related to the services that the Town provides, and Mr. Ackland commented there were some missing pieces. Ms. Lisaius commented that it was just an example of what she had found for a starting point.

8:45 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss personnel, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones
Warren Town Administrator

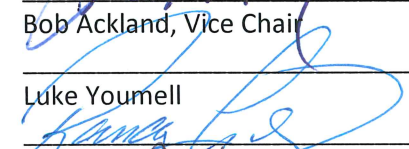
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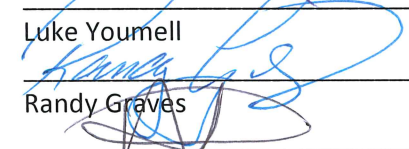
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Luke Youmell



Randy Graves

Mary-Ellen Alberti

November 13, 2018

John Sinclair
Forest Supervisor
Green Mountain National Forest
231 North Main St
Rutland VT 05701

Dear John:

The Warren Conservation Commission would like to express our enthusiastic support for the permanent protection of the strategic forestland in the Lincoln Peak Conservation Project in Warren and Lincoln, Vermont. This project will secure highly ranked core forestland, important headwater streams, rare wildlife habitat, a broad scenic viewshed from the Mad River Byway, and recreation opportunities of statewide significance.

Warren's distinctive sense of place is built upon the rugged beauty of our mountains, our rural character, and the diversity of exceptional recreational opportunities available here. This project responds to many of the core values of the Conservation Commission, particularly our focus on protecting biodiversity and wildlife habitat connectivity, and addresses many of the goals of the Warren Town Plan (2018 draft).

Warren's 2008 Natural Heritage Inventory and Assessment identified this property as priority forest block and core habitat, high value wildlife habitat, potential deer wintering area, and containing rare, threatened or endangered species and natural communities.

The permanent protection of this property will address the Town Plan goal of: "Maintaining, preserving and enhancing the town's natural resources and environmental quality," and specifically strategy 19, "Ensure that critical wildlife habitat is protected from development and that fragmentation of forest land is minimized." "Land with identified wildlife values, including critical habitat for endangered species..." is one of the top priorities of the Conservation Commission.

Conserving this property will also secure 1.3 miles of the Catamount Trail, and buffer .4 miles of the Long Trail, two trails of statewide significance. According to the Catamount Trail Association, if access through this property were lost, it would be nearly impossible to reroute this section due to topographic limitations, significant stream crossings and surrounding ski area development. Lincoln Brook, and its associated headwater streams on the property provides essential habitat for native brook trout, and is considered by Vermont Fish & Wildlife to be very good for recreational fishing, with more than 3,000 trout per mile. This addresses the Town Plan goal of "Maintaining and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors," and specifically, strategy 64, "Support the efforts of the....Catamount Trail Association, U.S. Forest Service and other parties to create and maintain an integrated trail network throughout town." The protection of Lincoln Peak also responds to the Conservation Commission's conservation priority of "land with outdoor recreation resources, including

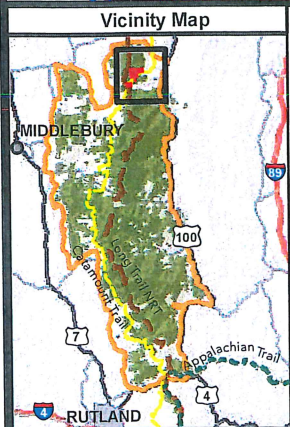
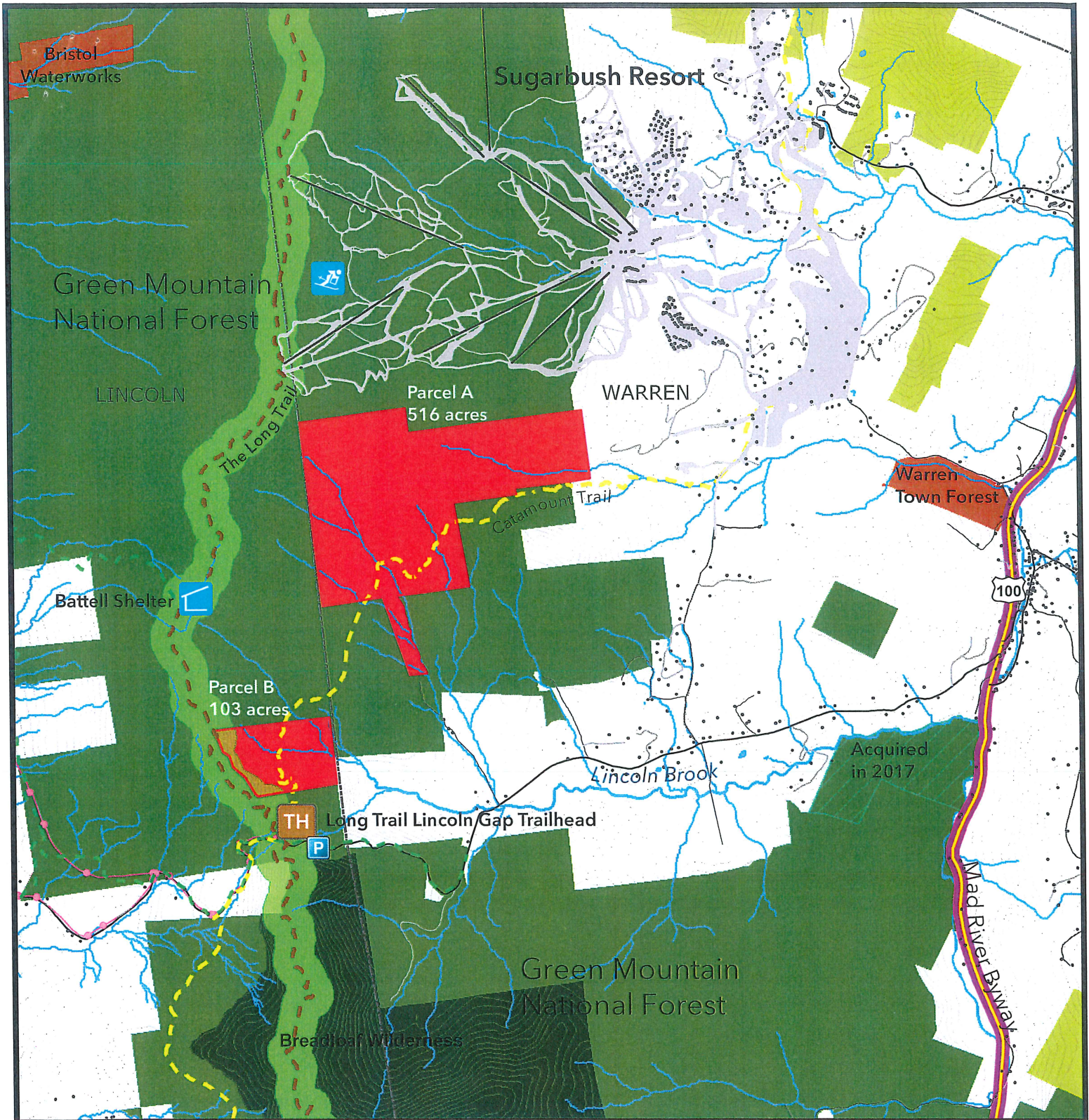
parcels with existing or potential trails, river accesses (especially the Mad River and its tributaries, hunting areas and potential playing fields and recreation areas.”

This project will protect 60 acres of riparian areas along more than 4 miles of headwater streams of Lincoln and Bradley Brook, tributaries of the Mad River. This addresses the Town Plan goal of “Encouraging flood resilient communities,” and the Conservation Commission's conservation priority of “resources that would protect or enhance water quality, such as wetlands, headwater areas and riparian buffers along the Mad River and its tributaries.”

Given the range and importance of the benefits of this project, the Warren Conservation Commission gives its full support of this property's permanent protection as an addition to Green Mountain National Forest, and recommend highest consideration for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Sincerely,

Jito Coleman
Warren Conservation Commission, Chair
Warren, Vermont



References
 Ownership data from Automated Lands Program (ALP); proposed acquisition data from The Trust For Public Land; transportation data from VT Agency of Transportation, VT Association of Snow Travelers, and GMNF databases, hydrography data from USGS National Hydrography Dataset.

- Lincoln Peak
- The Long Trail National Recreation Trail
- The Catamount Trail
- Other Trails
- Statewide Snowmobile Trails
- Mad River Byway
- NFS Lands
- NFS Wilderness
- Long Trail Management Area
- Municipal Land
- Private Conservation Land

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Lincoln Peak

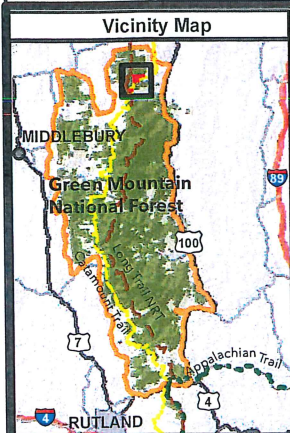
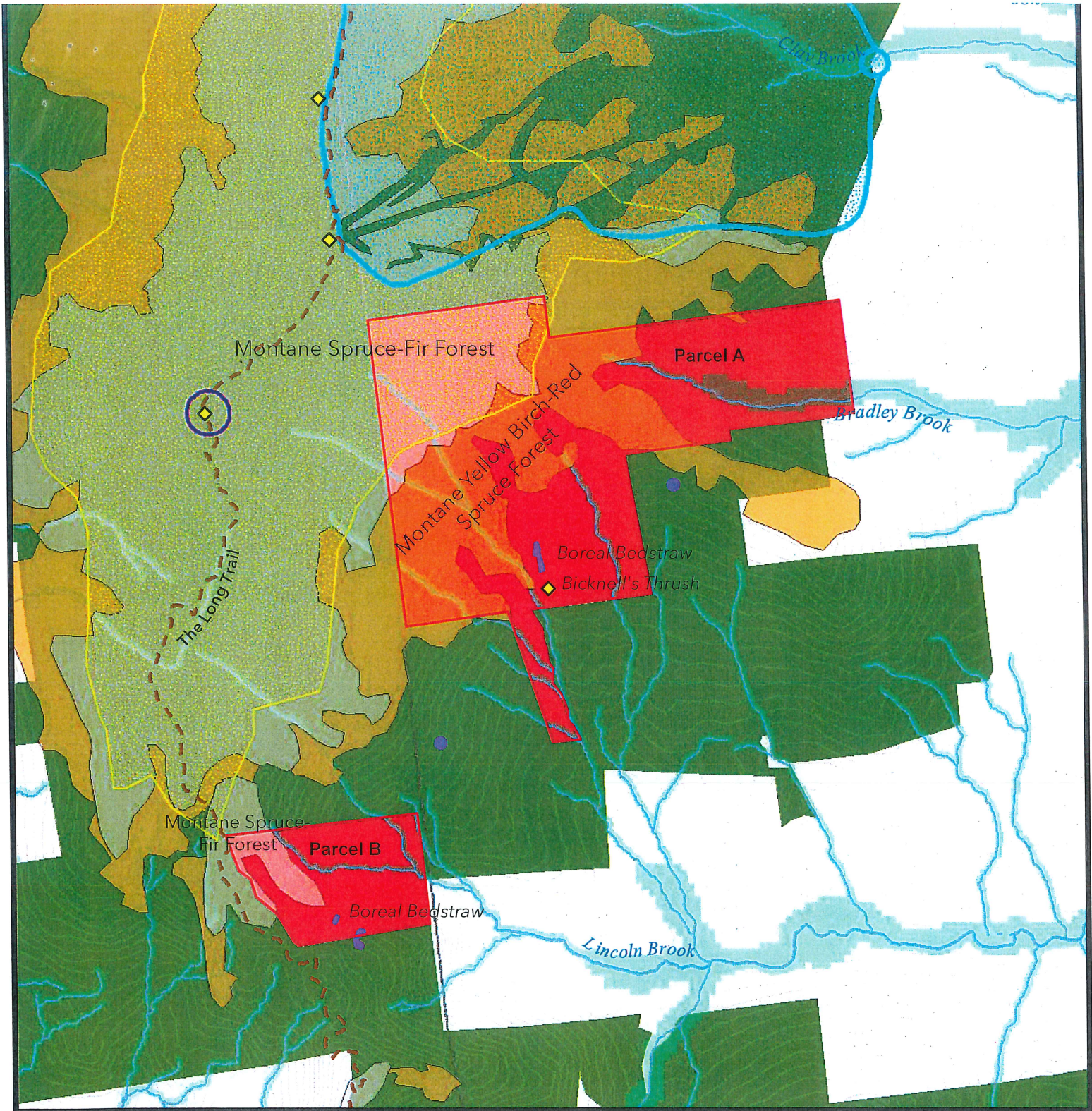
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References
 Rare species data, rare natural communities, riparian areas, and Source Water Protection Areas from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources; Bicknell's Thrush Habitat from Center for Ecostudies. Hydrography data from USGS National Hydrography Dataset.

- Lincoln Peak
- NFS Lands
- ◆ Bicknell's Thrush Occurrences
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- Regional Forester Sensitive Species
- Rare Natural Communities**
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- Montane Yellow Birch-Red Spruce Forest
- Source Water Protection Area
- Riparian Areas
- Streams and Rivers
- - - The Long Trail National Recreation Trail

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MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2004
WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WARREN TOWN HALL
7:00P.M

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Simpson Chairperson, Mike Brodeur, Steve Butcher, Ken Blair.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mac Rood

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00P.M.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Sheriff W. Samuel Hill and Michael Armantrout presented the Selectboard with a contract for next year. Fee has changed from \$23.00 to \$23.50 per hour. Discussion on how many hours for coverage. Sheriff Samuel Hill explained that Waitsfield pays for 16 hours, daytime patrols and the patrol overlaps between two towns. Above that Warren (last year) wanted 6 hours more daytime patrol, evening patrol split between Waitsfield and Warren. The two towns had 32 hours a week patrol. Warren had twice the coverage for half the cost 16 plus 6 hours comes up with 22 hours. Last years contract was 20 hours. Sheriff explained that the department has not full filled the full 20 hours per-week, due to manpower, vehicles. The number of violations showed that they were doing a pretty good job full-filling the contract. If the average hours spent per week were short, the hours would be made up the following the week. There was an arrangement with Warren, Waitsfield and Moretown. No arrangement for patrol with Fayston. To help with shortfall they are buying two new vehicles, they are hiring two other people to get back up to speed. Mr. Brodeur stated that there was a lack of presence of the patrol and there were higher speeds on Brook Road. Mr. Hill suggested that someone from the town work as a liaison between the officer to figure out good times to patrol the village. Mr. Brodeur indicated that Friday-Sunday in village area are very fast speeds. Mr. Hill explained that they would changed the schedule so that Peter and Michael (the officers are here on weekends, and ski seasons Saturday and Sunday mornings. They could also change the patrol times. Mr. Brodeur indicated that in the summer; seem to have a less of an impact. Friday's hours between 5:00 PAM and 9:00 P.M. Brook Road seem to be a high rate of speed. Mr. Hill explained that the contact person would be Sergeant Meyer at the office and he would in turn contact Deputy Michael Armantrout about any complaints he is receiving. Deputy Armantrout has caught a lot of speeders on the Roxbury Mt road and Brook Road for high speeds. The contract ends the end of March. Mr. Brodeur wanted to have 26 hours per week coverage present for the safety of our children. Sheriff Hill expressed that they would try to provide the coverage. Mr. Blair indicated that a 30% increase in traffic control from Mr. Brodeur would raise some questions at Town Meeting. Mr. Blair suggested that 24 hours would be a 10% increase and would be acceptable. Motion by Mr. Blair to increase the coverage to 24 hours, seconded by Mr. Butcher. All in Favor - VOTE 4-0.

meal preparation. The seniors will have to take over this responsibility as well as taking over the meals on wheels. Revenues from various sources are anticipated to be at \$39,713 but expenses are projected at \$63,523.00 (lights, heat cost of a cook etc). Taking on an annual budget program of \$65,000 a year thus the \$24,000 shortfall. The seniors are looking for \$5,000 from each town to help fund this shortfall. The Previous year request was for \$2,500. The senior meals are well attended, meals on wheels is completely volunteer funded. There are no funds included in this budget for a director or administrator. The increase is because of the change of ownership. Motion by Mr. Brodeur to take request under advisement, seconded by Mr. Butcher. VOTE 4-0.

Roger Hussey explained the Central VT Public Transportation. The chart shows 258 elderly, below poverty is 134, disabled is 333 total people that used it was 725. Total population of 1681, 54.1% weighted population is 909 and ped + wpo total is 1634. Percent is 2.39% for a allocated share at 10% Warren's share is \$943.00. 80% of the funds come from Fed/VT funds and 20% from local sources. This 10% represents 1/2 of the 20%. Motion made by Mr. Butcher to include it in the budget, seconded by Mr. Brodeur. VOTE 4-0.

STEVE KIMBAL – US FOREST SERVICE: Steve Kimbal said goodbye and thank you for all the support on the Blueberry Lake project. There are 6 land tracts in Warren that the US Forest Service wants to acquire. The Snowridge, LaChanterelle, the Sardi, Rice, Gomez and Jay Properties. The US Forest Service is looking for support on acquiring the Sardi, Rice and Gomez properties. Increasing land for conservation and they have been working with the Planning Commission and Land Conservation Committee on what tracks would be best to keep the character of Warren. Currently there is about 23%-25% of Warren that is in Land Conservation. The three properties add up to about 1000 Acres of land the Forest Service is trying to acquire. The Jay property especially for stream frontage, Gomez for consolidation to add to the current forest reserve. Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve US forest Acquisitions Sardi, Rice Gomez, Seconded by Mr. Brodeur. VOTE 4-0. Dan McKinley will be the new ranger for about 4 months and then the US Forest Service will be recruiting in Feb late April/May.

DECLARE OFFICE VACANT – LIBRARY COMMISSION: Motion made by Mr. Butcher to declare office vacated by Debra Krisko vacated. Seconded by Mr. Brodeur. VOTE 4-0.

STORM WATER FUNDING – CLAY BROOK/RICE BROOK: – Motion by Mr. Blair to pursue grant money for Clay Brook and Rice Brook. Seconded by Mr. Brodeur. VOTE 4-0.

PLANNING ASSISTANT POSITION: Discussions on developing Planning Assistant Job Position duties. Should be a separate position possibility of increasing it to a full-time position of 37.5 hours/week. Minutes on the DRB meetings were long and complicated because applicants were not prepared. Discussions on meeting with the Zoning Administrator and members of the DRB and Planning Commission Board to find out the their needs for this position.