

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
7:00 PM
Warren Municipal Building

7:00 PM – Public Comment

7:15 PM – Capital Budget Hearing

7:35 PM – Mad River Solid Waste Alliance – John Malter

7:45 PM – Approval & Signature Town Meeting Warning

7:50 PM – Approval of Payroll and Payable Warrants

8:00 PM – Other Business

*** Agenda Subject to Change***

\$19,267.88 \$50,630.68
Bonnie-Central VT Regional - GMTA

Minutes of January 22, 2019

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Randy Graves, Luke Youmell and Mary Ellen Alberti.

Others Present: TV 44/45, Perry Bigelow, Bonnie Waninger, John Malter, Lexi Leacock, & Cindi Jones.

7:02 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:03 PM – Public Comment – Mr. Graves wanted to take a movement and thank the Warren Road Crew for the great job they did during the winter storm.

7:10 PM – Capital Budget Hearing - The board reviewed the Capital Account forecast of expenditures and allocations for the next 4 years. There were no changes as during regular budget discussions, allocations were increased or decreased for future planning.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Capital Budget, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:20 PM – Mad River Solid Waste Alliance – John Malter - Mr. Malter was happy to report that it was a very successful year for household hazard waste. There were 508 households that participated in the event with a total of 27 tons of stuff that was brought to the event. Of that total 53 or 10.4% were households from Warren. This past year there have been a few challenges with getting another contractor to haul away the hazardous waste as the old contractor was bought out. They are changing their market and only picking up in area's where they have regional offices. Mr. Malter put out an RFP last year and got no response. He then went out again and found a contractor but the price is going to be more.

Food scrape/composting in 2020 this new rule goes into effect to divert all non-meat scrapes from the landfill. There has been a slight change that haulers may take food scrapes as many lobbied to defer as it is very costly for them to collect them. In 2019 there 279.7 tons of commercial food scrapes that were diverted from the landfill with 16 tons being home composted. The alliance had its twenty second truckload sale of compost bins resulting in the distribution of 49 bins and 6 green cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 lbs. of garden and kitchen waste annually. Green up tire recycling was successful in taking a total of 11.45 tons of tires and less metal was collected during the event. In e-waste recycling the alliance took in 25 lbs. of electronic waste. The Solid Waste Implementation Plan was approved by the Department of environment conservation to ensure compatibility with the Vermont Materials Management Plan and the Universal Recycling Act. The Alliance will be scheduling the next Hazardous Waste day for May 11 and October 5, 2019.

The cost of recycling is increasing to do the China Market as the US got sloppy mixing in other non-recyclable materials. This year the Alliance had to increase the per capita fee to \$6.25 making Warren's contribution of \$10,656.00. This is the first year since 2016 that the fee had to be raised.

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Mr. Malter also came to the board as the Alliance is made up of a representative from each Valley Town. Mr. Malter commended Clay Mays for his volunteer time in helping with the events and being on the board. He has been very active in the events and Mr. Malter hopes that the Warren Selectboard will re-appoint Mr. Mays as Warren's Representative to the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance.

The last order of business is that the Warren Selectboard have to approve the 2019 budget as part of the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance. – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance Budget, second by Ms. Alberti. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

The board commended Mr. Malter for all his time, efforts in managing the Mad River Solid Waste Alliance.

7:55 PM – Mad River Transit – Bonnie Waninger Central VT Regional Planning Commission Representative – Ms. Waninger is the Washington County GMT Representative and came to discuss the bus routes because of financial issues. The GMT buses run on fixed routes, demand response, seasonal route and elderly disabled services. Transit in Vermont is usually funded 80% by federal, some state money and local contributions. Ms. Waninger presented to the board a calculation sheet on what would the fair shares look like for the Valley Towns. Sugarbush has been the biggest contributor since 2008. The prorated costs were broken down by the different routes in the Valley among the three Valley Towns and Warren would pay the lions share by looking at the routes. She also added separate line items for 20% elderly and disabled. The Town of Warren only pays \$934 toward that share of GMT funding. The share that the State provides could decrease more given the fact that all the 1927 bridges, roads, water quality need to have funding. In looking at some history Sugarbush did have its own buses but only for the ski area and found that it was pretty costly to run and joined public transit to provide more and better services. At one time Wheels provided transit services but went out of business and at that time towns contributed based on population per capita share. Mr. Ackland asked wouldn't be more appropriate to look at ridership and who is boarding the bus and in what town and charge for service? Ms. Waninger commented that the seasonal service there is no fee to the rider and there is also the big capital outlay of outfitting the busses for users to pay. If they are a non-choice rider then they are not going to pay. The person that uses it for going to a job in Montpelier would probably pay, but those who do not have a car would not as they probably can't afford it.

Mr. Ackland commented the three Valley Towns should look at the problem broader and not just as an individual Town problem. So that it can be equitable and benefit everyone. The condo associations have not had any interest in participating in the service. Eventually the funding will dry up and how do you address rural transportation within the Valley? It would benefit the towns more if they did provide some equitable share for the service to GMT, so it did not look like the Valley didn't care about this transportation issue.

Ms. Waninger came before the board to see if Warren would Warren consider providing some public transit funding to GMT at least for physical year 20 and if so, what amount would they be comfortable with. She commented that it needed to be specific on whether it was a contribution for one year or would the contribution continue at the rate in the future. She did comment that there is no guarantee the service will be there. No final decisions on routes to cut have been as of yet as they are still looking at other cost cutting places with an aging fleet of busses. Mr. Ackland commented that the Valley Routes are the only routes in GMT that doesn't have any municipal support.

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The board thanked Ms. Waninger for her time and will discuss more in detail and let her know by Monday on the Warren's decision.

Other Business:

Lexi Leacock - Vermont Climate Economy Initiative Model Communities Program – Ms. Leacock part of the Warren Energy Commission came before the board to see if there was support for this grant. The Vermont Climate Economy Model Communities Program is designed to help communities build and implement priority actions that increase economic vitality and affordability in a time of climate change. The goal is to help communities' model rapid change by implementing energy efficiency, transportation system transformation, renewable energy generation, working land development, entrepreneurship and business incubation to spur economic progress. This program is led by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) in partnership with Efficiency Vermont and other partners. Working with local electric an efficiency utilizes along with other partners, VCRD will facilitate customized service in support of community goals. Details of the grant program are attached. Ms. Leacock did ask Fayston and Waitsfield's Energy Committees if they were interested but they declined so the grant is only for Warren. This is a resource planning grant only. Mr. Cunningham asks what she wanted the board to do? Ms. Leacock commented that she would like a letter of support from the board that she could take on Tuesday for the interview round. Also, there would be a mailing going out to all the taxpayers and it would be nice if the Town would support the mailing cost. Mr. Ackland commented that this is a time commitment and the board would have to take a leadership role. Mr. Youmell will draft a letter of support from t he Town for this planning grant process. The funding for this program goes away after 2019.

No regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb 12, 2019. The board will reconvene on February 26, 2019 with regular business with a candidates Forum and town meeting preparation of articles.

Approval of the 2019 Warren Budget – The board looked over the budget one last time for changes or edits. The budget is down from last year by 5.52%. They board was happy with the over budget and that it was dowe by 5.52%.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the 2019 proposed budget of \$3,502,375, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:05 PM – Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2019 – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0. (Ms. Alberti was absent from that meeting)

9:08 PM – Approval of Payroll warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$19,267.88, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:10 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as presented for \$50,630.68, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

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9:11 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss an article on Mad River Valley Transit, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Youmell.
All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:35 PM -Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve adding the following article for the warning: Shall the Town vote to expend an amount not to exceed \$12,968 for the Mad River Valley Transit Services (GMT) contingent upon the Town of Fayston and Waitsfield approving proportionate funding?" Second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

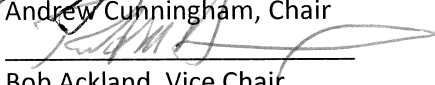
9:40 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andrew Cunningham, Chair



Bob Ackland, Vice Chair



Luke Youmell



Randy Graves

Mary- Ellen Alberti

January 12, 2019

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance(MRRMA) includes the Towns of Fayston, Moretown, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes. Roxbury joined the Alliance in 2010.

During 2018, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 12, 2018 and on October 6, 2018. A total of 508 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 10.2% of our population. We collected 27.61 tons of household hazardous waste at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides, alkaline batteries and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs(CFLs) and up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps. We are again planning two collection day events in 2018, at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 11 and October 5, 2019.

A total of 120 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tank during 2018. The tank is located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station.

Grow Compost of Vermont in Moretown collected food scraps and food processing residuals from the Washington West Supervisory Union waste streams and from other large generators in the MRRMA. A total of 279.7 tons of food scraps were collected by Grow Compost of Vermont in 2018 in the MRRMA. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The twenty second truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 49 compost bins and 6 Green Cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We held two composting workshops for Alliance residents this year and expect to hold more in 2019. We will hold our twenty third Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2018. A total of 11.45 tons of tires and less than a ton of metal were collected during this event. In the fall Alliance residents participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 27, 2018. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 4, 2019. The Village Grocery in Waitsfield again provided a local site for folks to deliver tires for Wheels for Warmth.

Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. Due to market conditions there is now a charge for collecting and processing recyclables. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station, the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury or the Northfield Transfer Station. Other e-waste can be brought to the State Surplus Property facility in Waterbury and recycled at a small per pound fee. During 2018, 25.32 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus on legislative initiatives and other stewardship issues.

Our updated Solid Waste Implementation Plan(SWIP) was approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure compatibility with the Vermont Materials Management Plan and the Universal Recycling Act. The SWIP is attached to our website madriverrma.org.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY19 assessment for the administration and programs is \$6.25 per capita.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Fayston, Chuck Martel; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Roxbury, Dave McShane; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Clay Mays; Waterbury, Alec Tuscany and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

MRRMA BUDGET 2019

		Budget 2018	Budget 2019
INCOME			
Town Assessments Per Capita (\$6.25) Based on 2010 Population			
Fayston	1353	8118	8456
Moretown	1658	9948	10363
Roxbury	691	4146	4319
Waitsfield	1719	10314	10744
Warren	1705	10230	10656
Waterbury	5064	30384	31650
Subtotal Assessment (1	12,190	73140	76188
Household Hazardous Waste:			
Ag. Pest. Grant		8000	8000
Small Quantity Generators		1500	1500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant		10071	13425
Subtotal HHW Income:		19,571	22925
Miscellaneous Income:			
Compost Bins		3298	3350
Tires		1862	1500
Electronic Waste		0	0
Outreach Grant		6410	0
Subtotal Misc. Income		11,570	4850
Total Income:		104,281	103,963
EXPENSES:			
Administration:			
Administration:	600 hours/ 600 hours	22,800	22800
Travel/Office		1000	1000
Insurance		797	797

Solid Waste Manager Association	1283	1283
VLCT Bookkeeping	1496	1496
Subtotal Administration:	27,376	27,376
Education:		
Administration 469 hours 469 hours	17,822	17,822
Travel/Office	500	500
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	6500	6500
Educational Programs	5500	5500
GreenUp/Website/Special Events	4000	4000
N.R.R.A. Membership	180	180
Conference	600	600
Product Stewardship Institute	300	300
Subtotal Education	35,402	35402
Household Hazardous Waste:		
Administra tion 275 hours 275 hours	10450	10450
Travel/Office	1000	1000
HHW Contractor	25000	26,400
Subtotal HHW:	36450	37,850
Misc. Expenses:		
Equipment Maintenance	235	160
Tire Collection	1481	1100
Waste Audit	0	300
Compost Bins	3032	1712
Subtotal Miscellaneous:	4748	3272
 TOTAL EXPENSES:	 103,976	 103,900