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Agenda for July 28, 2020  
Warren Select Board  
VIA Zoom  
6:00 PM

6:00 PM – Public Comment

6:10 PM – Covid- Update – Jeff Campbell

6:20 PM – Approval of Liquor Licenses for Pitcher Inn (First, Third, Outside Consumption) & Warren Store (Second Class & Tobacco) -Mathew LaFiandra, George Dorsey (Edgewood Holdings)

6:25 PM – Sugar Hill Properties – Approval of First-Class Liquor License - Stephen White & Susan Buchanan)– (Formally Sugar Lodge)

6:30 PM – Approval to Operate Food Truck Offering Juices & Smoothies at the East Warren Market on Weekends – Sam Duchane

6:45 PM – Overview on hiring of 5<sup>th</sup> crew member, overview on summer projects and Vacation Schedules

6:55 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

6:56 PM – Approval of Minutes for July 14, 2020  
\$ 178,421.84 \$ 20,713.09

6:58 PM – Other Business  
Allens Lodge - First, outside  
Sugarbush Restaurants  
Corte Hse - First, Third, outside

\*\*Agenda Subject to Change\*\*  
Valley Hse - First, Third, outside  
Hogans Pub - First, Third, outside

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**Minutes of July 28, 2020**  
Warren Selectboard  
VIA Zoom  
6:00 PM

**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Luke Youmell, Camilla Behn & Randy Graves (6:10PM).

**Members Absent:** Bob Ackland, Vice Chair

**Others Present:** Dayna Lisaius, Tony TV 44/45, Jeff Campbell, Mathew LaFiandra, George Dorsey, Stephen White, Sam Duchane & Cindi Jones.

**6:00 PM** – Public Comment – None

**6:05 PM – Covid Update** – Mr. Campbell – Mr. Campbell reported that there were 1405 cases in Vermont, 100 new cases since the last check in and in the last 5 weeks there have been no deaths. The Governor last week mandated facial coverings where you cannot get the 6' distancing. The State continues to have pop up testing sites around the state and there have been 91,861 that have been tested with an overall increase of 14,000 tests, with 1040 travelers being monitored. Vermont still continues to be the lowest in the northeast for Covid Cases. The Governor also stated that schools will open up 9/8/2020.

**6: 10 PM** – Mr. Cunningham commented that maybe it was time again with school opening up 9/8/2020 to have Warren's School Representatives, Ms. White and Mr. Clough to come back and explain the new format of mixed and virtual class instruction of this new hybrid plan. The board members agreed that would be a good plan to have them come and visit to help provide information.

**6:15 PM – Approval of Liquor Licenses for the Pitcher Inn, First, Third & Outside Consumption Permit and the Warren Store, Second Class and Tobacco** – Mathew LaFiandra & George Dorsey – Mr. Dorsey started off the conversation that they are going to be the new owners of the these two properties and this is the last piece needed to close. Mr. Dorsey has lived in Middlebury for 20 years and owns two galleries and he also worked at the Sugarbush Inn. He much experience in business hospitality and retail. Both of these properties have experienced some difficulties with Covid 19. They are going to do some facelifts and upgrade the kitchen in the Warren Store. They have been interviewing most of the staff and will have at least 1 or 2 people retiring and hoping to continue to keep the present staff at the Warren Store. In the Pitcher Inn they are upgrading the heating system, changing out some rugs and the bakery will provide more delivery service and expand to a grab and go menu as well as sit down. Mr. Cunningham coneratulated Mr. Dorsev and Mr. LaFiandra and welcome them back to the area.

**6:22PM – Approval to Operate Food Truck Offering Juices & Smoothies at the East Warren Market on Weekends** – Sam Duchane - Ms. Duchane has been operating her truck for 5 years going around to a lot of music festivals. Unfortunately, with Covid, that all came to halt and she is now looking for a local option plan. Ms. Duchane also runs the Market Gardens for the E. Warren Community Market. There were concerns discussed if the Selectboard gives approval for this one truck would it set precedent for others to come Mr. Graves asked? Mr. Cunningham commented that the board could grant approval based on conditional requirements. Mr. Cunningham asked Ms. Duchane if she had discussed it with the Market and Rootswork as Rootswork is leasing the building and surrounding Town property with the Market subleasing from Rootswork. She commented that she has spoken to a few board members of Rootswork Board and they seemed very favorable of the idea. She has not worked out the hours or location at the Market yet as she wanted to talk to the Market first. Ms. Behn commented who has the authority to grant this and does the board have authority to say no to others if it were to become a competing venture with other trucks wanting to come in? Mr. Graves commented that in past discussions with the Planning Commission they had talked about this on the Town Green at one point and thought it would be a good idea. Mr. Cunningham commented that Ms. Duchane should stop in and see Ms. Robbins, the Zoning Administrator to see if she needed any permits and also to get approval from Rootswork as both approvals would be needed.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve Ms. Duchane's truck to sell juices and smoothies subject to the Zoning Administrators permits if needed and to have an approval from Rootworks board, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:20 PM – Sugar Hill Properties – Approval of First-Class Liquor License** – Stephen White & Susan Buchanan (Formally Sugar Lodge) - Mr. White and Ms. Buchanan are the new owners of the Sugar Lodge and are here to have the liquor licenses approved. Mr. White and Ms. Buchanan are second homeowners and wanted a life change. Mr. White grew up in Waterbury, VT and wanted to get back into the hospitality business. He was sales manager for selling wine and spirits for 20 plus years. There are no changes planned at the lodge and they will keep the name Sugar Lodge and need the licenses to view and control their guests when serving alcohol beverages. The board congratulated the new owners.

Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the First-Class Liquor License for the Sugar Lodge, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**6:45 PM – Overview of hiring 5<sup>th</sup> crew member, overview on summer projects** – Ms. Lisaius commented that the town had placed another ad on Front Page Forum, advertised in 7 Days, Valley Reporter, Stowe Reporter, and the Times Argus. They have only received 3 applicants. Ms. Lisaius

Mr. Graves commented that the highway is about 45% of the total budget and it would be good to have the Road Foreman check in either quarterly, monthly to update the public on the what the highway crew was doing for work. Mr. Graves suggested maybe that would be June, September and the end of November.

**6:56 PM – Approval of Minutes for July 14, 2020** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2020, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**6:57 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$178,421.84, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**6:58 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$20, 713.69, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:00 PM – Approval of liquor licenses for First and Outside Consumption for Allyns Lodge** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the liquor licenses for First and Outside Consumption permits for Allyns Lodge, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:01 PM – Approval of Gate House Liquor Licenses for First, Third and Outside Consumption permits** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Gate House liquor licenses for First, Third and Outside Consumption, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:02 PM – Approval of Valley House Liquor Licenses for First, Third and Outside Consumption** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the liquor licenses for First, Third and Outside Consumption for the Valley House, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:03 PM – Approval of Hogan’s Pub Liquor Licenses for First, Third and Outside Consumption** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the liquor licenses for First, Third and Outside Consumption for Hogan’s Pub, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:05 PM – Other Business**

**Taxes Update:** Ms. Lisaius updated the board that they are receiving property prebate downloads and that the state is about 7,000 behind. Ms. Lisaius commented that the town is expected to receive the state education numbers by 8/1/2020. She would like to have the town tax rate completed and voted on by next week to start printing tax bills and get them out in the mail even through the board voted to bill August 15, 2020.

7:10 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Youmell, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By,  
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