

Agenda  
Warren Selectboard  
October 13, 2020  
VIA Zoom  
6:00 PM

- ✓ 6:00 PM – Public Comment
- ✓ 6:15 PM – Green Mountain National Forest Check In – Chris Mattrick
- ✓ 6:30 – PM – Covid Update – Jeff Campbell
- ✓ 6:45 PM – Approval of Liquor Licenses Third & Frist for the Reks
- ✓ 6:55 PM – Pope Property – Susan Randall Letter Purchase/Clean up Discussion
- ✓ 7:00 PM – Halloween – Covid Protocols – Event
- ✓ 7:10 PM - Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants  
\$ 127,304.43      \$25,103.79
- ✓ 7:12 PM – Minutes of September 22, 2020, Minutes of October 1, 2020
- ✓ 7:13 PM – Other Business  
Pike Paving – Release of hold back of \$22,000 for Ellen Lane

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**Minutes of October 13, 2020**

Warren Selectboard

VIA Zoom

6:00 PM

**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, vice Chair, Luke Youmell, Randy Graves & Camilla Behn.

**Others Present:** Chris Mattrick, Green Mountain National Forest Ranger, Dayna Lisaius, Tony (TV 44/45), Jeff Campbell, Susan Randall, Alex McClay, and Cindi Jones.

**6:00 PM – Public Comment** – Mr. Cunningham wanted to announce that the KPAS program has started at the church 5 days a week for two weeks and then will be going to 1 day a week once the school is on their 4 days at school and 1 day remote. The Warren Church and KPAS groups wanted to extend a thank you in helping with the process to the Town.

**6:05 PM – Green Mountain National Forest Check In** – Chris Mattrick – Mr. Mattrick started off with the Forest Service having a very busy summer everywhere with parking lots overflowing recreational area's around the state and they expect a busy winter. There seems to be a new user group this year to the National forest. This group tends to be a little bit disrespectful of the area's leaving trash and not packing in and packing out.

Warren Falls – Ranger Mattrick stated that Warren Falls land did, at certain times this past summer, experience the heaviest daily visitor use of all National Forest Lands within VT. They have been tracking the use and have been busy cleaning up the site with the help of the neighbor. It was the busiest during the days this past summer and they have looked at re-engineering the parking to add a few more spaces. The group using this area is not very mindful of the pack in and pack out. They are looking at putting a trash disposal receptacle and a port-a-let next year. The walkways to the falls are experiencing vegetation decay as people are not using the paths and they plan on re-vamping the path area. They did look at closure with Covid but people would have used it regardless and there would be more parking issues on the road. They would love to get a group of people together and brainstorm on ideas of what can be done there? With Covid they fully opened the forest area's on June 16 issuing the statements on their website to look at the VT Health.gov website for guidelines.

RT 100 Rest Area – They did experience some long-term camping and feel it is the Town's jurisdiction. Mr. Mattrick commented that he would love to see some No Camping Signs go up and that they could help with enforcement. They are also moving the gate at Austin Hollow to closer to the Road and it will be closed from 12/15-5/1.

Camp Road Off Lincoln Gap – The forest service has no immediate plans to do any Timber Harvesting and have no interest in investing money into the road until harvesting which it would be part of the contract.

Mr. Cunningham commented that it is a 4<sup>th</sup> Class Town Road and now it is a stream bed with 5' banks and is not vehicle passable. He commented that the Town could possibly turn it into a trail. He commented that it does have a building lot with some value.

He commented that he is not considering putting any funding into it. Mr. Mattrick asked if the condition was causing environmental issues with the surrounding forest. He suggested that he could have someone from his engineering staff go and assess the road to the forest and provide some idea's. Mr. Cunningham asked if they would proceed with that.

The Rubin Acquisition is moving forward. At the top of Lincoln Gap - The Forest Service has plans on reconfiguring the parking lot area adding guardrails, more refinement of parking at the top of Lincoln Mountain which was an issue with the high volume of users this year with at times only a one lane road.

Blueberry Lake – On the North Shore they did a re-vamp on ADA Parking. On the South Shore they are going to be doing some drainage work to make the walkway path easier to walk by users.

The board thanked Mr. Mattrick for coming to the meeting to update the board.

**6:37 PM – Covid Update – Jeff Campbell** –There are 1886 cases in Vermont. In the last 21 days there has been 165 with 89 in Washington County and no new deaths. The newest outbreak was 26 cases Champlain Orchards. Also, there was 5 in Bennington County from a Golf Tournament, and 12 new cases in Montpelier from an adult Hockey game. There has been reported some school cases around the state but none have closed. The Harwood Union District as of 10/26 will be going to the 4-1 model, with in school instruction Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with Wednesdays being the remote day. Warren School also has taken measures and has built a quarantine room. The District also sent out surveys to parents asking if they feel their safety measures are working. The survey was sent to 1200-1300 people and 88% came back saying they were satisfied. The Farm to Family Box program has returned and more information is located on the Department of Human Services website. In regards to current tourist/visitor travel from both neighboring and other eastern states to VT, that: many counties in Mass., CT, NJ, and the NY metropolitan areas are now back in the red in terms of active infections.

**6:44 pm – Approval of Liquor Licenses First and Third for the Reks** - Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the First & Third Liquor Licenses for the Reks, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**6:45 PM – Pope Property – Susan Randall Offer** – The Town purchased this property at auction. Ms. Randall a neighbor has presented an offer to the Town to buy it for \$10,000 and is asking if the Town would help to clean up the property from a burned-out house. The board discussed the issue of clean up and they agreed that it is sold "AS IS" and that the Town would not help in any cleanup. Ms. Randall commented she did get an estimate of cleanup at \$5,000 from Griffin & Griffin. She thanked the board for their time.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to accept the offer price of \$10,000 from Ms. Randall to purchase the Pope Property, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0

**6:47 PM – Halloween – Ms. Lisaius & Ms. MacClay** - Ms. Lisaius and Ms. MacClay presented a proposal from the group to the board for Halloween festivities. The group consists of: Ms. Lisaius, Ms. MacClay, Heidi Greene and Marie Schmukal. They had come up with a Haunted Hike on the Eaton Interpretive Trail, and a Scavenger Hunt on Brooks Field. These events are based on the number of volunteers and community support. They are asking for reservations to the event and people are already signing up. Ms. Lisaius said if it rains, they could set up an inflatable dinosaur display and people in costumes for people to drive by. They have already had some business's downtown donating and wanting to help along with candy donation. They will advertise this on Front Porch emphasizing that there will be no house to house trick or treating walk in Warren Village due to the Covid guidelines. The Warren Selectboard were all in favor of this event and thanked the Ms. Lisaius, Ms. Schmukal, Ms. Greene and Ms. McClay on taking on this event.

**6.53 PM – Other Business –**

**Pike Paving – Release Hold Back of \$22,000 for Ellen Lane** – The board discussed this hold back and that they were 4 days over the contract which would bring the total down to \$18,000. A few of the members were in agreement that Pike should not be given the money given the poor substandard patching job and substandard paving jobs on all the roads what the town paid out. Mr. Ackland and Mr. Graves were very upfront about the inferior and unacceptable quality of work received. Mr. Youmell commented that he felt that Pike had stepped up to try to fix some of the area's as they did patch certain areas and did not want to hold back any money. He felt that they worked very hard to mediate a solution. Mr. Ackland also commented that other areas of roads are coming apart where they didn't patch. Ms. Behn was frustrated on why did we pave Cross Road if they are saying that the base is substandard. Mr. Youmell commented that it does have cracks but the benefit it had this year from mud season was huge and that the road was fully prepared correctly by the crew. Is there any recourse on if the patching fails? Mr. Cunningham commented no on that. The board agreed that they would draft a letter and send to Pike their decision on not releasing the hold back. Mr. Ackland was given that task.

7:11 PM – Prickly Mountain – Alberts Lane – Donnie Smith Property – Ms. Bryant has sent emails in regards to all the unregistered cars and tires on the property. Mr. Youmell commented that he and Ms. Robbins had visited the site and spoke to Mr. Smith and he had stated to them he would clean it up. Nothing has happened. The Town staff have been working on avenues to send a letter, talk to the ANR and also talk to Mr. Smith on this. A fence was mentioned last fall. Mr. Graves commented that in the re-write of the regulations they are going to be stricter on this issue.

**7:15 PM – Piano at Rebecca Peatman's old House** – the new owner of the property talked with Ms. Roth, the Warren Arts Committee, on donating the piano to the Town replacing the old piano on the top floor of the Town Hall. It was mentioned to have the road crew help in moving it. Mr. Cunningham commented that the Road Crew are not piano movers.

Ms. Lisaius commented that she could look into a company that does this and hire them to move it and remove the old piano that have all the equipment necessary as it has to go up the stairs. The Warren Arts Committee has money available to pay for this. Ms. Lisaius will look into a company to do this as she is on the Arts Committee.

**7:17 PM – Approval of Minutes for 9/22/ 2020** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of 9/22/2020, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:18 PM – Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2020** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2020, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0. (Mr. Youmell was not present at that meeting).

**7:19 PM – Approval of Harwood Education Warrant for \$1,519,875.00** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Harwood Education Warrant as presented for \$1,519,875.00, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:20 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as presented for \$127,304.43, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:21 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$25,103.79, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**7:22 PM** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to adjourn, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
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