

Agenda
August 24, 2021
Warren Selectboard
VIA Zoom & In Person
Warren Municipal Building
6:00 PM

6:00 PM – Site Visit Warren Dump, Dump Road – Gunner McCain/Harmon Property

6:35 PM – Meeting to reconvene – Public Comment

6:40 PM – Continue discussion on Dump Road Access to Harmon Property – Gunner McCain

7:00 PM – Brook Road Speeding – April Smith

7:25 PM – Access Road/Slide Discussion –

7:40 PM – Approval of Minutes for August 10, 2021 – Warren Selectboard

7:41 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants – Warren Selectboard

7:45 PM – Other Business
36,289.97 22,143.16
Liquor License First Class - Chez Henri, Inc
On Going – Town Garage Discussion – Warren Selectboard

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Minutes of August 24, 2021

Warren Selectboard

6:00 PM

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Luke Youmell, Vice Chair, Bob Ackland & Devin Klein Corrigan.

Members Absent: Camilla Behn

Others Present: Kyle Bergman, Patty Sue Carter, April Smith, Gunner McCain, Lucy O'Brien, Alice Cheney, Grady O'Shaughnessy, TV 44/45, Paul Harmon & Cindi Jones.

6:00 PM – Site Visit – Warren Dump Property – Those present were Andrew Cunningham, Luke Youmell, Bob Ackland, Devin Klein Corrigan, Gunner McCain & Cindi Jones. Mr. McCain had presented to the board information regarding that the town had given a ROW on the Dump Property to Mr. Harmon for access to his property where that ROW was unclear. Mr. McCain commented that the old woods road that was on the maps crosses the Clark Property but does not get them to the Harmon Property. Mr. Cunningham commented that he was not for splitting the dump parcel up where Mr. McCain had drawn in the ROW presented on the McCain map for reasons that it may impede the Town from doing something with the parcel in the future. Mr. McCain had presented a ROW splitting the parcel and coming on just the inside of the lower pin for site distance and avoiding the wetland. The board walked the property and with observations located where the dump might have been but not knowing the boundaries and how far it comes out. Mr. Cunningham commented that from looking at the location he would like to see the proposed road be moved more up towards the Clark Property just on the other side of berm by the town culvert. Mr. McCain commented he could work with that.

6:50 PM – Meeting Dump Property ROW Reconvened – The board would like to see the new proposed ROW on the McCain map as discussed. Mr. McCain commented that he would like the Town to do some test pits in the area of the proposed road to see if it was just soil and not part of the dump. He would be present and holes would be dug every few feet in 2 or 3 spots along the top to verify that it was not interfering with the Dump. Mr. Cunningham asked what would be the range of excavation cut? Mr. McCain commented that around 5-6'. Mr. McCain had previously drawn the profile to meet a 15% grade but upon prompting by Ms. Klein Corrigan agreed that he would redraw the plan with cut and fills to meet the 12% grade as required by the DRB and would mark the new road location.

The other point Mr. McCain wanted to bring up was that the property owner, Mr. Harmon, would like the Town to take back the section of property where there is refuse showing. Mr. Harmon is trying to market the property and it makes it very hard to sell with a small section of the dump refuse on the property. The board would have to re-look at that request and discuss with the Town Lawyer before making any decisions.

7:05 PM – Public Comment – None.

7:06 PM – Brook Road Speeding – April Smith – Ms. Smith commented that the speeds seem to be the same both ways. Once the vehicles round the corner at Brook/Main they increase speed and when they are coming down the hill after Dump Road they seem to not slow down. Ms. Smith commented that it seems to be early in the morning when trucks are heading to work and at certain times during the day. Mr. Cunningham commented that Brook Road is a major connector from Town to Town and to various parts of the Town.

Mr. Cunningham commented that we can put more enforcement on the road. Ms. Smith commented how about more signs? Mr. Cunningham commented that you create more sign pollution and people do not want to add more sign clutter to the landscape. Ms. Carter commented that the parking on Brook/Main has gotten worse with the new owners of the Pitcher Inn and Warren Store properties. People are now parking on the corner of Brook Road down towards Main Street. Ms. O'Brien echoed the same feeling that people were parking on Flat Iron Road blocking her in as well. She commented maybe there could be curbs or more trees put in along the road way. Ms. Smith asked that maybe the road could be painted to look narrow and that the school signs painted on the road were gone. Ms. Smith inquired about what happened with the plan on adding sidewalks? Mr. Cunningham commented that with federal dollars they have to be concrete and 5' wide and going up Brook Road that it would take most all the front lawns of the property owners and no one wanted to see that. Ms. Cheney commented that the section of Main Street where the contractors are working has become an issue as the workers are now parking on the sidewalk and walkers have to walk in the road. Ms. O'Brien asked can the Constables ticket people? Mr. Cunningham commented that the Town does not have a municipal ordinance for ticketing vehicles. Also, Constables within the state are very few with Warren having only two of them and as they age, could retire and the enforcement piece is gone. Ultimately warning the town not to make a plan based singularly on the constables to enforce it. Ms. Cheney commented that that there are more people walking the streets of Warren Village due to the pandemic. Ms. Devin Klein Corrigan commented that some short-term solutions could be done while looking at a long-range plan. Ms. Klein Corrigan and Ms. Jones proposed moving the flashing speed signs to the village for a time and asking for increased policing from the sheriff as well as asking the construction crews to park in the municipal lot after unloading their tools. Suggesting these short-term measures while continuing the conversation around directing parking to the municipal lot and park and ride and adding some form of sidewalk, landscaping, etc. to reduce speeding over the long term. Ms. Jones noted the school's signs are wearing off and could be repainted but with winter coming it will just disappear. Also repainting the fog line up School Street could be done with a stop bar at the end of School Road. The movable signs up at Plunkton Road could be set up down in the Village for a trial run and see what the results would be. Mr. Ackland commented that the Town could take about \$5,000 out of Town Planning and Development and put out an RFP to scope out the area and provide solutions to slowing down traffic and parking. The board agreed that this would be a good step and Mr. Ackland would write up an RFP to send around to the members of the board and then send out to some firms that specialize in this.

Ms. Cheney also brought up again to the board that the land over by the Covered Bridge is Town Land and for parking as it was part of the FEMA buyout properties. She was afraid that since the owners have been mowing the area that they could claim it as an emanate domain.

7:50 PM – Access Road/Dubois Slide – Mr. Cunningham updated the board that 2 Members of VTRANS, 1 person from GSI, Bannon Engineering, Andrew Bombard, Cindi Jones and himself met to look at the slide from the last rain storm damage. GSI will be repairing their section adding 2 more rows of soil/nails below the repair and filling in under the repair. The culvert also should be extended with a rock lined trench to contain the water and drop it below the repair. The slide road way underneath the repair has moved and the drains are no longer working in the soil and grid. They will be repairing that in September and also will look at the very top of the DuBois slide repair. The DuBois slope has dropped at the top but during the last rain storm when the culvert plugged, all the water crossed the road and created trenches down the rock slide taking all the small fines out underneath the large rock. To start at the bottom and work the way up towards the road would be a considerable expense. It comes down to saving the infrastructure – the roadway. The board awaits plans from GSI and Bannon Engineering on a possible solution.

8:10 PM – Other Business:

Access Road Scoping Path – Mr. Ackland commented that the Path Association has taken on the project of the path that was designed during the Scoping Study from Eurich Pond to the resort. They invited Sugarbush (Margo Wade Representative) and the Town which Mr. Ackland attended. The issue centered around the match if they could get federal funding. Mr. Ackland commented that it roughly came up with a \$400,000 match, Sugarbush committing \$200,000, the Path Association contributing \$100,000 and the Town committing \$100,000.00. Mr. Ackland also recalled that during the Grand Summit Plans (turned into Clay Brook) that he recalled that there was a permit requirement for a path from the four corners at the resort to German Flats. Sugarbush does have a foot path that does extend from the four corners down to the Bridges. Mr. Cunningham commented that he recalls that people didn't like the idea of walking in the woods and would rather have a path beside the road. Ms. Klein Corrigan would ask Ms. Robbins to pull that permit for reference of what exactly were the requirements.

8:30 PM – Approval of First-Class Liquor License for Chez Henri - Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the first-Class Liquor License for Chez Henri, seconded by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:32 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable warrants as presented for \$36,289.97, seconded by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:34 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$22,143.16 seconded by Mr. Youmell All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:36 PM -

Mask Discussion – Ms. Goss had sent an email to the board indicating the following:

The Warren Municipal Building is once again requiring appointments for title work and all who enter the building must wear a mask. Be well and stay safe.

The board agreed that this was something to protect the public and the employees in the building. The library still requires masks prior to entering the library due to all the small children and have not changed their policy. The board discussed that department heads could make the decision on masks at their discretion. Some of the board members did not want to go back to mask wearing for the public meetings. Ms. Klein Corrigan commented that people could wear the mask and when called upon to speak, that person could take them off and speak. Each individual board could decide on how they wanted to handle their meetings regarding masking or not.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to mandate mask wearing for all visitors in Town buildings vaccinated and unvaccinated, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 0-3 Vote defeated. (Ms. Klein Corrigan abstained from voting)

Some of the board really did not want to mask up during the in-person meetings. Mr. Ackland commented that at one meeting he attended the minutes taker could not hear a lot of what was said which was very difficult for them. At this time there was no voted decision on masks.

8:35 PM -Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into Executive Session regarding legal, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:45 PM – Motion Mr. Ackland to come out of executive session, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Not actions taken.

8:46 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Ms. Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



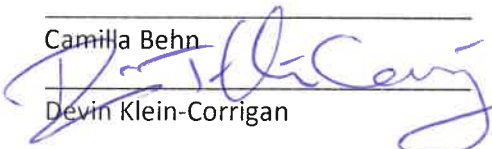
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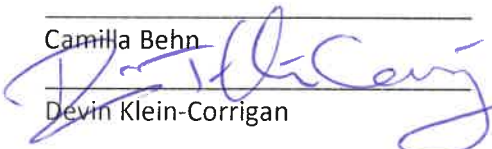
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