# Warren Selectboard December 7, 2021 (Pearl Harbor Day) 6:30 PM Warren Municipal Building or VIA Zoom

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√7:05 PM – Mad River Chamber -Request for Funding for Mad River Stewardship Program
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8:00 PM – Warren Fire Dept Budget  Emergency Management Budget  Constable Budget  8:30 PM - Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2021  Sugar Odge Li Quor License - Renewal - First  8:32 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll  8:34 PM – Other Business  State Property Tax Faynor + January 1,510,14 = 120,491,19  Join Zoom Meeting  https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88298675859?pwd=ZXIybDAvcHZXNGRTWHB2SDdXTFNsUT09
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#### **Minutes**

Warren Selectboard December 7, 2021 6:30 PM VIA Zoom or In Person

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

Others Present: Jeff Campbell, Patty Sue Carter, Dave Campanelli, Eric Friedman, Erika (VA), Tony (TV 44/45), Mark Hamelin, David Saladino, Mr. Marincic, Alice Cheney, Cindi Jones, Randy Graves.

6:05 PM - Public Comment - None

**6:35 PM - VHB Village Traffic/Parking Summary** – Mark Hamelin & David Saladino - The VHB team of Mr. Hamelin and Mr. Saladino presented to the board highlights of what came out of the VHB site visit. They noted that about 1300 cars traveled Brook Road and about 800 on Main Street from the road counters that were installed for traffic and speed. On Brook Road something that is not too expensive would be addressing the issues with line striping with 2 – 10ft lanes and a 3' shoulder for access for pedestrians and bicycles. At the trail head of the Path to the school, things like adding a cross walk, adding a rapid beacon or a sandwich board in the middle of the road. At Flat Iron Rd/Brook Rd it could be a 3 way all stop or integrating more pavers and/or reducing the pavement width. The bridge on Brook Road could have some decorative lighting or road delineators for a walk way. On Flat Iron Road that could be stripped for bike advisory lanes where one lane traffic/two-way traffic when pedestrians or bikes are not present. At the end of Flat Iron Rd/Main St, pavement could be removed and create a grassy pocket park making is come to one "T" intersection. Mr. Campbell had concerns with fire trucks for the turning radius as it would be too narrow. The intersection of Fuller Hill Rd/Main Street was included by reducing and narrowing the area to slow traffic. Further South on Main was a bit more difficult.

The one thing that really stood out was a mini round-a-bout at the intersection of Main Street/Brook Road. It would have a 50' radius diameter circle. It could have a raised center or just a plant in the middle. Mr. Hamelin commented it is possible to build up the middle with pavers or asphalt so that trucks could negotiate through the circle or it could be just painted. Mr. Cunningham had concerns about vehicles with trailers, trucks, buses driving in the cue if it was raised. Mr. Hamelin commented that you would have to add signage on how to enter the round-a-about for drivers. Ms. Klein Corrigan commented that she felt that this would be very beneficial for the Village to help with traffic. Mr. Youmell had the same concerns with trailers and trucks if the circle is raised. Ms. Behn commented that it would be very difficult in the winter to plow. He did comment that there is a mini one in Manchester that seems to work very well. Ms. Cheney commented that the one at the intersection of RT 7/Paulet has seen a lot of accidents especially in the winter. Ms. Behn commented that knowing how pedestrians navigate the round-a-bout to the store would need to be thought about.

Mr. Ackland brought up at the Bridge on Brook Road by Luce Pierce Rd could be lined striped and look esthetically pleasing as a gateway to the village might slow down the traffic. The section of Main to the Park & Ride could have a sidewalk, however, Mr. Cunningham commented that there is a very steep bank on one side and it would infringe into the house located right on Main Street. The Alvord house and 183 Main Steet.

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Ms. Cheney commented that she would like to see the line stripping at the intersection of Fuller Hill Rd and Main Street. The striping should also continue to the South end of town. She also commented that they need to look at lighting in the village.

Mr. Saladino commented that the pedestal lights are about \$10,000 apiece and then figuring how to incorporate them for power etc. Mr. Cunningham commented that the discussion of lighting is better left to the Planning Commission. In closing the board would like the VHB team to focus on the following: The bridges, Intersection of Brook Rd/Main St, Flat Iron Rd/Main St incorporating general striping on all of the roads and roadway from intersection of Brook Road/Main St to the Park & Ride. Detailed drawings are attached for more Detail and specifics.

7:54 PM – Mad River Chamber Request for Funding the Mad River Stewardship Program - Mr. Freidman briefly explained how successful the Mad River Stewardship program was for the Valley. The first year for the stewardMRV has been an unqualified success. In order to make this program sustainable for future years it is vital that a proper funding mechanism is developed. The stewardMRV programs will need broad based community support to remain viable. This includes the continued MRV Chamber of Commerce support, a commitment from the Mad River Valley municipalities and the ongoing support of the partner organizations and the local community. The pilot program necessitated funding of \$35,000 in seed money that was given to the program via generous grants by Bournes' Energy, Lawson's Finest's matching program, the Mad River Chamber of commence, the MRV Rotary Club, and individual donors within the community. They are asking for \$5,000 from the Town of Warren, \$5,000 from Fayston and more from Waitsfield as they have more sites. Ms. Behn asked what the sites were in Warren. Mr. Friedman commented that they were: Brooksfield, Riverside Park, Blueberry Lake (3 accesses,) Warren Falls, and the Kingsbury Farm Greenway. Ms. Behn asked about Quayl's Bend? Mr. Friedman commented he didn't know about that Town property but he is looking from the Town on what other sites they would like to see this program incorporate besides the one's listed. The board agreed that this was a very successful valuable program and will put in the budget the \$5,000 towards this valuable program to the Mad River Valley Community. A complete draft report of the steward MRV 2021 and a report form the Chamber is attached for more details.

On another note, Mr. Cunningham asked if the Chamber had heard any input from the businesses regarding the Mask policy. Mr. Friedman commented that businesses, innkeepers and the Chamber were all in on the Masking Policy. Mr. Friedman commented that whatever we do in the community about this issue, that all the Valley Towns have to be in together to support this.

**8:25 PM – Road Access Permit** – Nancy & Robert Baron – Anne Burns Road – Mr. Cunningham went out to review the curb access cut for Nancy & Robert Baron. The road cut as good site lines following the standards.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Road Access Permit for Nancy & Robert Baron off Ann Burns Rd as reviewed by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

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**8:28 PM – Town Dump Decision Regarding ROW to Harmon Property** – Mr. Cunningham commented that McCain Consultants needs to send over a final site plan depicting where the road would go after the site visit in November with Gunner McCain. Mr. Harmon, McCain's client, would have to do the test pits at his expense. Once the board receives the new plat and it where the ROW was agreed to, the board would sign off on this ROW.

8:32 PM – Warren Fire Dept. Budget – Jeff Campbell – Mr. Campbell presented to the board the Warren Fire Departments Budget for 2022. He highlighted that they increased the remuneration from \$35,000 to \$50,000. This was because they are increasing training hours to 500 manpower's and regular and maintenance hours would be 432 hours. They have also added officer stipends: Chief, President, 3 assistant chiefs and the training officer which equates to 4600 manpower hours. Mr. Cunningham asked how this the remuneration structured? Mr. Campbell commented that they had reached out to other departments to see what they do. All the extra stipends would be equal pay except for the Chief. The other item that was increased was contract services from \$11,000 to \$14,000. They do hydrant testing, hose testing, ladder certification, air pack flow testing etc. Hydrant and hose testing can range from \$6,000-\$7,000 and they have set them up with off years and even years on what is to be done.

The board also raised the \$12.00 per hour rate stipend rate to \$14.00. Mr. Campbell will go back and revise the remuneration and benefit numbers.

Mr. Campbell also proposed in the Capital Budget increasing the Standpipe/Hydrant account from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The reasoning is that they want to install a hydrant at the corner of the Access Road and German Flats Road and have various hydrants that need risers added.

Warren 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mr. Campbell commented that they would like to request from the Town \$7,500. They are fund raising for this event and will only use what they might need from the \$7,500. The board agreed to add it to the budget. Mr. Campbell will revise the budget with this change.

9:13 PM – Warren Public Safety – Constables Budget – Mr. Campbell presented to the board the Constable budget. They increased the patrol hours from \$8,040.00 to \$9,000 as the patrol hours went over budget for 2021. The board again talked about the hourly wage for the patrol hours and agreed to raise if from \$12.00 to \$14.00. Mr. Campbell will make the changes as discussed and resubmit.

#### 9:23 PM - Emergency Management Budget - Jeff Campbell, EMD

Mr. Campbell started out the discussion that due to the pandemic, that all classes were completed by zoom. That is why a lot of the budget last year had not been spent. He has not submitted to the treasurer his hours for reimbursement in the EM Hours. There was an increase in the line item of \$192 increasing the benefit line. Last year's budget was \$5,074.00, this year the FY 22 budget was reduced to \$4,875.00.

In the Capital Account it was increased for Major Equipment was raised from \$1,500 to \$2,000. In the next few years, the Constable Radios will need to be replaced due to dispatching and frequency changes.

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**9:30 PM – Approval of First-Class Liquor License for Sugarbush Resort, DBA as Sugar Lodge** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the liquor License for Sugarbush Resort, DBA as Sugar Lodge, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:31 PM – Approval of Harwood Warrant for \$1,549,520.05, - Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Harwood Warrant as presented for \$1,549,520.05, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**9:32 PM – Approval of State Education Warrant for \$3,874,383.00** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the State Education Warrant as presented for \$3,874,383.00, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:33 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants for \$1,087,510.14 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable warrants as presented for \$1,087,510.14, seconded by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:34 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants for \$120,419.19 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$120, 419.19, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:40 PM – Approval of Minutes for 11/9/2021 – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of 11/9/21, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:42 PM – Approval of Minutes for 11/30/2021 – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of 11/30/2021, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**9:45 PM** -- Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss personnel and invite Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**10:15 PM** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:20 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by, Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard

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## **Chamber of Commerce**

#### **Our vision:**

The Mad River Valley will be an economically thriving, socially vibrant community that appeals to vacationing visitors, and offers positive work-life balance for business owners and a favorable amenity-serenity balance for full-time residents and second home owners.

#### Our mission:

To improve the economic well-being of Mad River Valley businesses, through leading destination marketing, building brand equity, and creating a unified and engaged culture.

### Our strategy:

#### 1. DESTINATION MARKETING

Create and execute an integrated, year-round marketing plan, to: increase visibility of the Mad River Valley in the destination marketplace; attract new visitors; and keep repeat visitors engaged.

#### 2. BRAND EQUITY

Be the champions of the Mad River Valley brand, to: develop and foster a recognizable brand image for the Mad River Valley; proliferate and manage its use by Valley businesses, towns, and organizations.

#### 3. UNITY

Create an engaged community culture of aligned goals, shared responsibility, and unified efforts among organizations, to: demonstrate and inspire a Mad River Valley ethos of optimism and enthusiasm.



## stewardMRV 2021 Final Report

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By

Caleigh Ingram stewardMRV Coordinator Eric Friedman - MRV Chamber Executive Director

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#### SUMMARY

The stewardMRV program debuted in May of 2021 as a response to the issues associated with the increased usage of Mad River Valley's key assets of trailheads and swim holes. The goal of this program is to instill a greater sense of environmental stewardship within both residents and visitors of the valley; this concept was introduced through tangible outcomes. In this first year they included;

- Identification of key outdoor recreational access sites
- New public trash and recycling receptacles with more frequent pickups
- Enhanced public restroom facilities with more frequent cleanings
- Construction of two attractive new shelters to house port-a-lets and trash/recycling receptacles
- Dog waste mitigation
- Improved pack in pack out communications at sites without receptacles
- Encouragement of volunteerism resulting in vastly increased participation
- Pertinent data collection
- Dedicated program management
- Public communication and social media plans

This pilot program necessitated funding of \$35,000 in seed money that was enabled via generous grants provided by Bournes' Energy, Lawson's Finest's matching program, the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, the MRV Rotary Club, and individual donors within the community.

The first year for stewardMRV has been an unqualified success. In order to make this program sustainable for future years it is vital that a proper funding mechanism is developed. The stewardMRV program will need broad based community support to remain viable. This will include continued MRV Chamber of Commerce support, a commitment from the Mad River Valley municipalities and the on-going support of the partner organizations and the local community.

This document outlines the origins, objectives, scope of work, funding, results, and suggestions for the future of stewardMRV.

#### **INTRODUCTION - ORIGINS**

Usage at many of the Mad River Valley's trailheads and swimming access points have been on the upswing for many years. The pandemic continued to accelerate this trend. The corresponding challenges that come with this increase have also been exacerbated by the impact of the pandemic. These challenges include:

- Parking problems
- Inadequate restroom facilities
- Increased litter
- Overflowing garbage receptacles
- Overwhelmed site management plans
- Off season trail use
- Dog waste and misbehavior
- River bank erosion and creation of inappropriate access points
- Inconsistent public awareness and stewardship ethic

Stewardship of our community is vital to maintain the sustainability of outdoor recreation and the health of the environment in the Mad River Valley. Scenic beauty, a pristine environment, and outdoor recreation are important drivers to our local economy. How we care for this place is at the heart of why so many people visit and why so many people desire to live here. It is vital that we continue to foster this commitment to stewardship, that we maintain a sustainable plan to address these emerging challenges, and that we position the Mad River Valley as a clean, friendly, caring, safe, and healthy community.

The goal of stewardMRV was to institute a new program to steward the Mad River Valley's recreational access points under the auspices of the existing MRV Trails Collaborative. This stewardship initiative was a natural next step to build on the foundation of this group. This unprecedented collaboration has been incredibly successful in bringing many organizations and stakeholders together, including the Mad River Valley Recreation District, the Mad River Path, Friends of the Mad River, the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Mad River Riders, and the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the municipal governments of the Valley's towns.

stewardMRV was designed with an eye towards extending a scope beyond these very visible trailheads and swim holes, working to instill an ethos of stewardship for the Mad River Valley's entire network of recreational assets, and the community beyond.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The overarching goal of this program is to instill a greater sense of environmental stewardship within the Mad River Valley community. We need to build an understanding that all individuals should know about and be participating in the stewardship of our outdoor recreational resources. It is vital to maintain the resiliency of recreation and health of the environment in the MRV- both for those that live here, and those that visit. Outdoor recreation is the major driver of tourism to this community. Having clean and healthy sites will ensure positive experiences and encourage visitation to the valley in general.

It is also important to note that the economic health of our individual towns depends on the collective economic health of the Mad River Valley. Clearly all of the MRV's towns are interconnected economically, and socially. While some towns may have more sites than others we need to view our collective recreational assets holistically as proper stewardship benefits everyone. While Waitsfield is our economic hub, the more people who come to visit Waitsfield, the more they visit and benefit the other towns within the Mad River Valley.

#### SCOPE OF WORK

From May through August, a total of 19 sites were visited on a weekly basis by the Program Coordinator. These sites include:

#### **Fayston**

Chase Brook Town Forest
Camel's Hump State Forest - Howe Block
Mad River Park Recreation Fields

#### Moretown

Ward Access

#### Waitsfield

- Bridge Street Swim Hole
- Lareau Swim Hole
- West Greenway at Meadow Road
- Wu Ledges
- Joslin Memorial Library Park & Bridge St,
- Pines Rest Area
- Lovett Park Austin Parcel

#### Warren

- Warren Skate Park.
- Blueberry Lake (Beach Access North, Access South, Trailhead)
- Kingsbury Greenway at Wabanaki Conservation Area
- Riverside Conservation Area
- Warren Falls

#### Data

The stewardMRV coordinator kept track of site visits, trash/recycling pickups, estimates of the amount of trash and recycling collected, public communications and press attention. Site stewards also provided data and observations during their weekly visits through a google survey.

#### **Communications**

An <u>introductory video</u> about stewardMRV was created showcasing the foundation of the program, volunteerism, and the ethos of stewardship.

StewardMRV has had frequent articles in the Valley Reporter, helping to garner a public presence within the Mad River Valley. This includes articles introducing stewardMRV, updates on our work, fundraising, and near weekly reprints of our social media "Friendly Face Friday" posts. These posts (found in the Appendix) promote environmental stewardship by highlighting businesses, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers, all of whom are involved in stewardMRV.

<u>Progress reports</u> were linked on the stewardMRV web page for public access and transparency as to what and where funding was going towards.

#### Trash/Recycling

StewardMRV paid for thrice weekly pickups (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) of trash and recycling receptacles at key locations around the valley. These sites include; the Joslin Library Park, Joslin Library stairs on Bridge St, the covered bridge on Bridge St, Lovett Park, the parking lot south of Bridge St, the Lareau Swim Hole Parking Lot and at the Warren Skate Park.

#### Infrastructure

StewardMRV also installed two portalets each in the Bridge St parking lot and the Lareau Swim Hole parking lot. Previously, there had been only one each. The additional one installed at each site was an ADA compliant portalet. These portalets were cleaned twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Previously they had only been serviced weekly resulting in often-time dirty and unusable facilities.

New garbage and recycling bins were provided by stewardMRV for the Bridge Street and Lareau Swim Hole parking lots. The Warren Skate Park was added as a site mid summer, with the installation of new garbage and recycling receptacles, along with thrice weekly pickups.

The Bridge Street Parking Lot was freshly graded with gravel. By addressing this long-standing need we were able to garner good will among the property owners that will ensure public access of their private property.

Dog waste signage was improved and dog waste dispensers were placed at various locations as part of the public outreach effort.

#### Outreach & Signage

"The Poop Stops Here" signage was updated at many sites.

A StewardMRV banner was created and hung on the banner poles next to the former TD Bank as a way to solidify awareness in the Mad River Valley community.

Signage concerning public access on private land has also been made, with a QR code leading to a webpage designed to encourage users to respect privately owned sites.

StewardMRV was promoted at the Waitsfield Farmers Market and the Wednesday night "Round Ups" on Bridge Street with an information table. A cornhole board with bean bags in dog waste bags was also set up in order to promote *The Poop Stops Here* campaign. Additionally, there was a raffle to encourage donations to the Lawson's \$ for \$ match program

The Poop Stops Here campaign advertised through signage at Kenyon's, Shaw's, Valley Animal Hospital, and Mad River Veterinary Service. Dog waste dispensers were also placed at Mehuron's and the Waitsfield Farmers Market.

High quality, metal signs were affixed to the shelters on Bridge Street and at Lareau Swim Hole to identify them as part of the stewardMRV program and to highlight the program sponsors.

#### **FUNDING**

Funding for this pilot year came from the generosity of our visionary, inaugural sponsors.

- Bourne's Energy donated \$10,000 to seed the effort
- Lawson's Finest donated \$10,000 and encouraged more via a dollar of dollar match program
- Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce donated \$10,000 in the name of the business community.
- \$2,100 allocation from the Town of Waitsfield to cover their budgeted cost of trash collection on town property.
- \$2,500 was donated by the Mad River Valley Rotary Club which was part of the Lawson's matching program.
- \$1,500 in additional funds were donated by individual citizens as part of the Lawson's Finest matching program

In order for this program to be successful and sustainable, there needs to be a consistent flow of funding. This will include continued MRV Chamber of Commerce support, a commitment from the Mad River Valley municipalities, the on-going support of the partner organizations, funds derived from the Memory Tree initiative and direct appeals to individual stewardMRV contributors. The proposed 2022 Budget and the 2021 Expense Report are attached in the appendix.

#### **RESULTS**

The stewardMRV initiative was an unqualified success. To introduce the concept of stewardship in a tangible and meaningful way, stewardMRV combated the issues associated with the growing usage of our outdoor recreational access points in many ways including;

- Identification of outdoor recreational access sites
- New public trash and recycling receptacles with more frequent pickups
- Enhanced public restroom facilities with more frequent cleanings including ADA compliant units
- Construction of attractive new shelters to house port-a-lets and trash/recycling receptacles
- Dog waste mitigation
- Improved pack in pack out communications at sites without receptacles
- Encouragement of volunteerism resulting in vastly increased participation
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#### Data

•	# of Trash Recycling Pick-Ups	288
0	# of trash Bags Removed	approx. 360
0	# of Recycling Bags Removed	approx. 300
•	Bulk of Trash Collected - (estimated)	5.5 tons
•	Bulk of Recycling Collected (estimated)	4 tons
•	# of Site Visits Made By Coordinator	165
•	# of Site Visits by Volunteers	96
0	Total Site Visits	261
•	# of New Site Stewards Volunteers	6
•	# of Outdoor Experiences Enhanced	Countless

#### **TESTIMONIALS**

Chris Pierson - Local landowner

Being the owner of a commercial property with beautiful river frontage that has paying tenants. That don't benefit from the presence of river and path goers, and yet they contribute to the upkeep of the property. Is tricky to satisfy both and maintain an ethical balance. I have always believed that it is best to share this property because it has much to offer the community. At times it has been an incredible struggle to satisfy both. Thanks to the efforts of the stewardMRV program and the generosity of the sponsors and volunteers. We have witnessed a fortunate drop of nuisance occurrences this past year. This has and will hopefully allow us to continue our part sharing this special property.

Laura Areneson - Executive Director, Mad River Valley Recreation District The Mad River Valley Recreation District is proud to be a part of stewardMRV. The portolets and structures at Lareau and Waitsfield Pocket Park improved the visitor experience. The stewardMRV campaign helped launch a shift in public awareness and participation in protecting the many cherished assets we all enjoy in the Mad River Valley. It's an important program that should continue.

Sarina and Johnny Gulisano - Owners of The Sweet Spot

Creating and implementing an environmental stewardship program in the MRV has made a difference from our perspective here at The Sweet Spot. Having multiple trash pickups and bigger receptacles kept trash off the ground because there was a place to put it. The designated structure for the trash and portalets allowed visitors to easily identify. People volunteering to look around and pick up trash is what it takes to keep our land free from waste. Putting energy and ideas into this very important issue has proven to work. Thank you to all involved.

Ross Saxton - Executive Director, The Mad River Path

The stewardMRV initiative has kick-started ongoing collaboration that will certainly have long-lasting benefits for our community. The Mad River Path is proud to be a partner of stewardMRV as we work with fellow organizations to care for and enhance public access sites to trails and the Mad River. Real positive change is coming from this initiative, and it will be exciting to continue this work over the next several years.

Joshua Schwartz - Executive Director, MRV Planning District
The stewardMRV pilot program has been an unqualified success and will be an important

tool for our community as we work to protect our vital recreational access points.

For me personally, a single incident shows the impact of stewardMRV. While playing ultimate frisbee at the Warren Rec Field dog poop was discovered on the field. Fortunately there was a bag dispenser on site. There was also a trash can by the Skate Park that enabled us to throw it away properly. I noticed the poop bag display at Mehuron's that is working to encourage dog owner responsibility. While it didn't prevent the incident from happening, it showed the effort of trying to alter people's behaviours is happening in a concerted way. I am so appreciative of the stewardMRV program.

#### Tom Spencer - stewardMRV Volunteer

I was encouraged to become a volunteer becasue of the program's structure. I committed to doing site visits and picking up trash at both Warren Falls and Bluebrry Lake twice a week all summer. I filled garbage bags nearly every day on my visits. I am glad to do know that by doing my bit is part of a larger, concerted effort.

#### Jared Rouleau - Co-owner A&J Recycling

We are proud that stewardMRV picked us to pick up the trash and recycling this season. It's great they wanted to work with a local, family-owned business. We are honored to have the chance to work with others to keep our community looking great.

As a small business owner here in the mad river valley we take pride in what we do. Though it is not always the most glamorous job. Being a part of the mrv stewardship has changed that in a few ways. The public is able to notice the a difference in how things have improved and are appreciative that there is a place to recycle and dispose of trash items while out at the river, for a walk, enjoying the skate park.

The volume was the most in the pocket park, in the Bridge Street parking lot and the LaRue swim hole. The skate park also had its moments. It was so nice to see that people were actually recycling and respectfully using the different cans. Collections happened often enough so that we were able to haul most everything away before any critters got into it. This made it possible for people to have clean bins available so that they felt good about throwing stuff away and not just leaving on the ground which makes for a better, cleaner Mad River Valley.

We are proud to be a part of this community and be a part of what keeps the Mad River Valley what it is. You or I as one person can't make change but as a team we can

#### REFLECTIONS

- This pilot year of stewardMRV saw significantly less trash than previous years, greater satisfaction of stakeholders, increased volunteerism and a significant amount of awareness about the program within the community.
- Although this program brought about many great successes, there were some points of difficulty that have been learned from, and will help to shape how stewardMRV proceeds in the future.
- One issue faced was the addition of the Warren Skate Park as a site. We saw a need to add trash/recycling pick ups at the site and we spoke with Travis from Splinters Board Shop who is one of the driving forces behind the Warren Skate Park. stewardMRV moved to install receptacles and begin regular pick-ups. However, as a site under the jurisdiction of the Town of Warren, we should have received permission before moving forward with the trash and recycling receptacles. This process has encouraged our working group to pay greater attention as to how to go about adding sites in the future. Going forward we will engage stakeholders in the fall and winter prior to the start of the summer season.
- Another aspect that could be improved upon for future years is communication with volunteers, and having a more structured volunteer program. Preferably, volunteers would be met in person, would have a more consistent stream of contact, and would receive a greater emphasis on how important the work they did was. It is vital that volunteers feel appreciated and valued.
- There were also communication challenges with the working groups collaboration on the stewardMRV introductory video. Proper time is needed to ensure that all stakeholders' opinions and perspectives are heard.
- New sites should be added, as well as new infrastructure according to the desires of the stakeholders. Outreach should be conducted in the fall in order to ascertain how stewardMRV can best aid their site stewardship plans. For example, we'd like to engage the Town of Fayston to learn about their stewardship challenges and see if the initiative might be able to help.
- New infrastructure such as bear proof garbage cans would be a great asset. The
   Lareau Swim Hole had an animal tear through the garbage cans, making a mess

that is unsightly and unwelcoming for our residents and our visitors.

• Rain guard maintenance and rain gauge collection could also be included under the auspices of stewardMRV in the future. As climate continues to change, it is imperative to measure how the Mad River Valley community is being directly affected.

#### CONCLUSION

As noted previously, the stewardMRV initiative has been an unqualified success. The key was the diligent collaboration of the working partners involved in the program. Representatives from the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Friends of the Mad River, the Mad River Path, the Mad River Riders, the Mad River Valley Planning District and the Mad River Valley Recreation District. Their efforts were strongly supported by a dedicated cadre of volunteer site stewards that were our "boots on the ground" who kept a careful eye on our beloved outdoor recreational access points.

This program would not have been nearly as successful without the fine work of our stewardMRV Coordinator, Caleigh Ingram. She took on a new, never done task and created a foundation for the future of this initiative. We are incredibly thankful for her efforts.

Despite a short planning period, limited budget and a complicated array of sites, each with their own challenges, the stewardMRV initiative had a clear impact on how our outdoor recreational access points looked this past summer and fall. There was a demonstrable difference from previous years and we were able to turn the tide of what had become a downward slide for these places we all love and appreciate. It is vital that we continue to build on the foundation that was created in the pilot year of this program.

In order to make it viable for future years it is vital that a sustainable funding mechanism is developed and nurtured. The stewardMRV program will need broad based community support to become the fixture in the Mad River Valley that it needs to be. This will include continued support of the business community via the MRV Chamber of Commerce, a commitment from the Mad River Valley municipalities, the on-going support of the partner organizations and contributions from individuals.

#### **BUDGETS**

## Expenses 2021

	Notes	May	June	July	August	September	October	Nov - April	Total
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Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Lovett Park	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00		\$2,250.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Joslin Library	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	I consider the second	\$2,250.00
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Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Lareau Swim Ho	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$2,350.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Warren Skate Pa	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00		\$2,250.00
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## **Tentative Budget 2022**

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Portalet Rental & Service - Lareau Swim Hole ( 1 Reg & 1 ADA)	Inc. 2x/week service	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.50		\$2,709.00
Portalet Rental & Service - Bridge Street ( 1 Reg & 1 ADA)	Inc. Zkiweek service	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.50	\$451.30	1	\$2,709.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Bridge Street Shelter	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450,00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$2,350.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Lovett Park	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	1	\$2,250.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Joslin Library	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	:	\$2,250.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Bridge Street	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	1	\$2,250.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Lareau Swim Hole Shelter	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$2,350.00
Trash & Recycling Pick Up - Warren Skate Park	\$25 X 3 pickups/week	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$225.00	-	\$2,250.00
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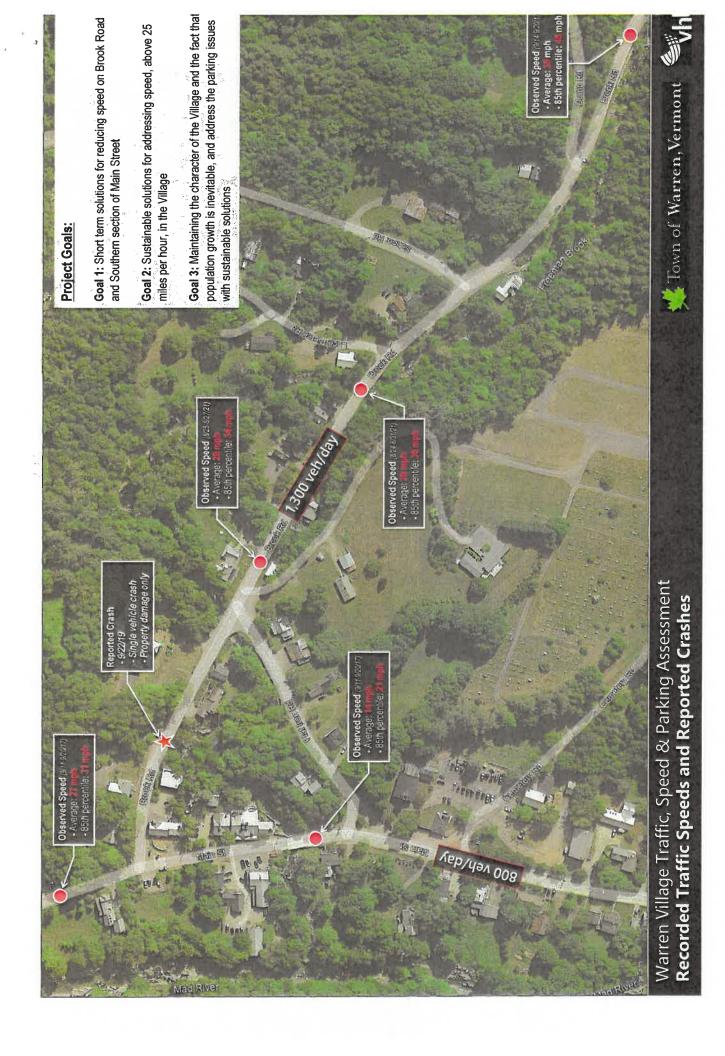


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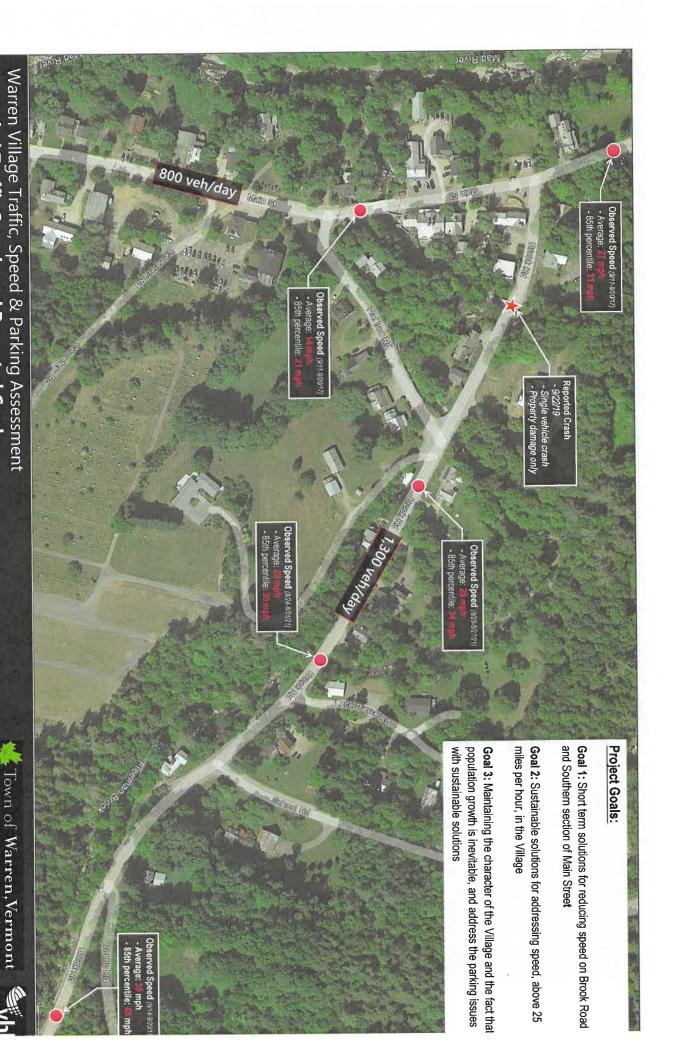
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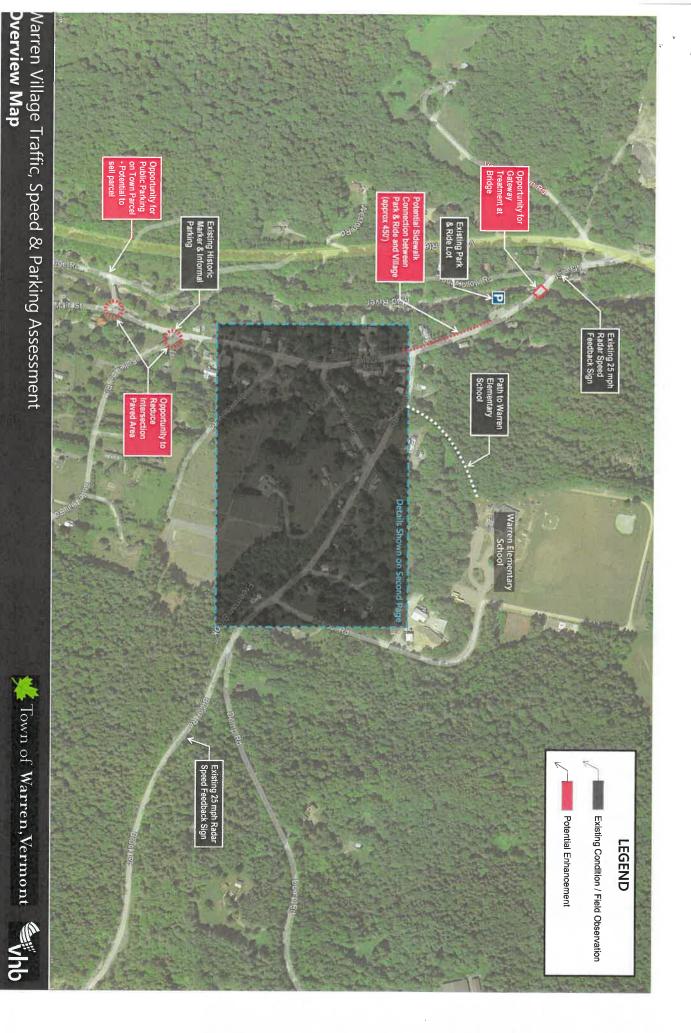


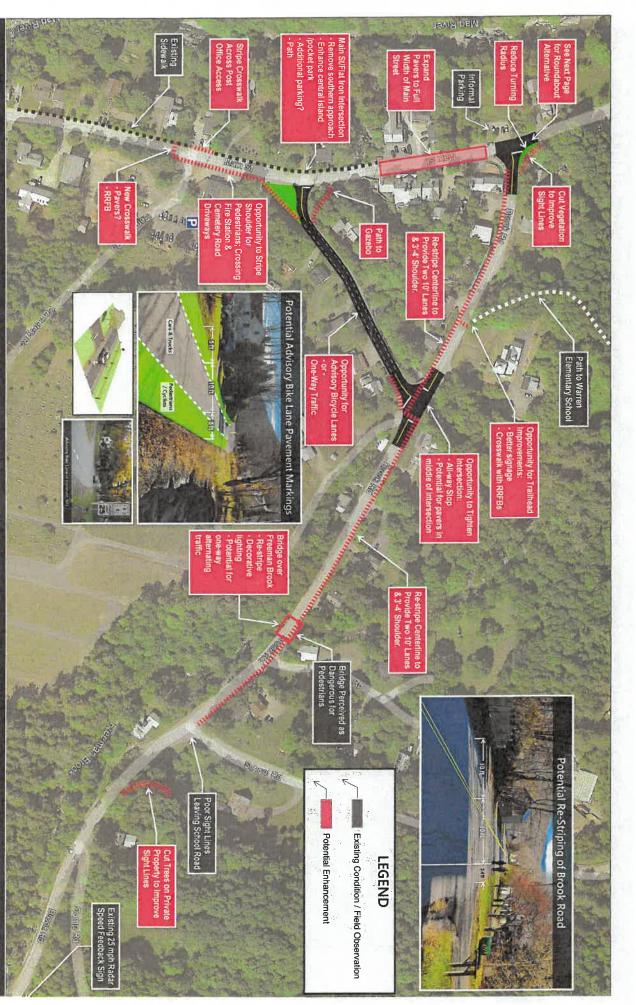


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Recorded Traffic Speeds and Reported Crashes





Warren Village Traffic, Speed & Parking Assessment Village Detail Map



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