

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022**

Members Present: Jenny Faillace (online), Randy Graves (online), Mike Ketchel (online), Dan Raddock, Jim Sanford, Chair.

Others Present: Ruth Robbins, Zoning Administrator, Rod Francis (PlaceSense), Lexi Leacock, Brandy Saxton (PlaceSense), and Carol Chamberlin (Recording Secretary, online). Brandy and Rod

Agenda:

1. Public comments – 15 min max.
2. Review of final LUDRs draft and report for warning of public meeting
3. Report from Jim Sanford re: SB meeting & Village traffic calming solutions
4. New/Other business:

The meeting came to order at 7:03 pm.

Public Comments

Nobody present wished to provide comments.

Review of final LUDRs draft and report for warning of public meeting

The PC members approved the report provided by Brandy and Rod, agreeing that it presents clearly where and why changes were made to the LUDRs. Mike K. offered to put the report on the LUDR web page, along with information regarding the Public Hearing. A copy of the report will also be sent to the Selectboard.

Ruth will coordinate with Brandy to compose a list of chapter headings to provide as part of the written warning for the Hearing; it was agreed that the Hearing will be scheduled for March 14 at 7:00 pm. Logistics were discussed, and it was decided that PC members will join online for the Hearing, leaving ample floor space in the office for Ruth to accommodate any person needing to attend in person.

MOTION by Dan to accept the draft version of the warned LUDRs. **SECOND** by Mike K. **VOTE:** All in favor, the motion carries.

MOTION by Jim to accept the PlaceSense report on the proposed LUDR amendments. **SECOND** by Mike K. **VOTE:** All in favor, the motion carries.

Brandy and Rod will provide large versions of maps for display during the Hearing.

Report from Jim Sanford re: SB meeting & Village traffic calming solutions

Jim reported that Cindy Jones has requested PC feedback on the municipal complex and the covered bridge improvements. Previously there were no bids submitted for the covered bridge abutment work, although a grant has been awarded for that work. Jim noted that an upcoming vote to close the bridge to vehicular traffic might make this work unnecessary.

The Selectboard has also requested PC input on the concept of constructing traffic islands (medians) in two or three downtown locations. Further details are being gathered regarding the exact locations for these, the

construction details, and how they will affect plowing. Crosswalks, as well as striping and signage were discussed. Jim reported that there was a general sense that signs are already prolific, but that some additional visual cues would be beneficial. Jim offered a suggestion that crosswalk material be something that is textured, visible, and will not wear out quickly.

Jim explained that the Selectboard hopes to get the additional information needed regarding islands and then move ahead with what is possible this summer, potentially applying for some grant money to complete the work.

New/Other Business

Dan informed the group that Margo will be providing the MRVPD with a mid-year update at this month's meeting, and asked that anybody with data collection suggestions provide the request to him. He noted that parking and road traffic numbers are critical, but that other ideas are welcome.

The minutes of January 24 and 31, 2022 were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary

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Camilla Behn date

Mike Bridgewater date

Jennifer Faillace date

Randy Graves date

Mike Ketchel date

Dan Raddock date

Jim Sanford date