

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022**

Members Present: Mike Bridgewater, Jenny Faillace, Dan Raddock, Jim Sanford, Chair.

Others Present: Ruth Robbins, Zoning Administrator, Bob Lisaius, Dayna Lisaius, Macon Phillips, Virginia Roth, Brandy Saxton (PlaceSense, online), Marie Schmukal, Amy Tomasso (MRVPD), Stan Walker (online), Carol Chamberlin (Recording Secretary, online).

Agenda:

1. Public Comment
2. Presentation from Dayna Lisaius & Marie Schmukal of a proposed 'Rustic Wooden Pavilion' on the Town Green
3. PC review, comments on the updated LUDRs/CC maps; date for 2nd PC Public Hearing
4. New/Other business

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment

Virginia Roth provided comments regarding a site visit to her Plunkton Road property by Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) personnel and the subsequent feedback provided regarding wildlife corridors on the property. This information was provided to the PC in an email that Virginia forwarded. Subsequently, she is now requesting that the northern end of the property be zoned Rural Residential, and the southern portion be in the Resource Protection District.

Town Green Pavilion

Dayna outlined proposed plans and indicated the pavilion's intended location and design, which is a 10 x 16 building with some roof overhang and includes ramp access. The structure will be situated so that the green is still open for outdoor activities. She and Marie explained that much library programming moved outdoors due to Covid, and there has been a related increase of use by others of the tent which was provided. The pavilion would serve to replace the temporary tent solution, would be minimally furnished, and could be used year-round by the community as an event and public space. Amy Tomasso spoke of the benefits of placemaking and noted that the MRVPD is in support of the project. Virginia Roth indicated that the Warren Arts Committee is also in support, and would be willing to contribute to the pavilion's construction cost. She also noted that a shed roof would be more suitable for concerts, and requested that all utility lines to the structure be installed underground.

PC members made points related to keeping the green useful for the largest number of people, and keeping the appearance in line with historic structures in the village. There was further discussion of potential uses and related logistics, and it was suggested that some redesign be incorporated to ensure that the Library's needs can be met and Arts activities can be held, while impinging on the green as little as possible. Dayna and Marie agreed to flag the location prior to the next PC meeting and to come back with revised plans.

PC review, comments on the updated LUDRs/CC maps; date for 2nd PC Public Hearing

Jim reported that he, Camilla, and Ruth had reviewed all the agreed-upon changes with Brandy.

After some discussion of access and fire department considerations, it was agreed to remove the maximum width of 12 feet for residential property driveway aprons.

Brandy agreed to provide an update to the Town Plan Report which outlines the alterations made based on public feedback received.

Jim will reach out to Friends of the Mad River and the Conservation Commission (CC) to encourage attendance at the upcoming public hearing. Ruth will make a statement, and will reach out to the DRB regarding having a representative present.

Brandy provided an explanation of how the mapping provided by the CC came to be acceptable for inclusion in the LUDRs.

The DFW report regarding the Roth property was reviewed, and it was agreed that more detailed information about the parcel will be needed before a decision can be made.

Brandy clarified the use of a map depicting historic agricultural soils, explaining that this strategy works more smoothly than an overlay in providing for related DRB consideration of placement of building envelopes.

Ruth will check on PC member availability and schedule the hearing for July 25 if enough members are not available for July 11.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary

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Mike Bridgewater date

Jim Sanford date

Jenny Faillace date

Dan Raddock date