

MINUTES OF 1/11/05  
WARREN BOAR OF SELECTMEN  
WARREN TOWN HALL, 7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barry Simpson, Chairperson, Ken Blair, Mac Rood, Michael Brodeur and Steve Butcher.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Rosen, Laurie Jones, Andreas Lehner, Pam Skowronski, Kirstin Reilly, Beth Binns, April Smith, Francis Moran, and Miron Malboeuf.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1/4/05:** Motion by Mr. Rood to approve the minutes of 1/4/05, seconded by Mr. Butcher. VOTE: 5-0.

**SCHOOL EXPENSE – WARREN SCHOOL BOARD:** Mr. Lehner presented a detailed letter of the school related budget items transferred to the municipal budget. Mr. Lehner sent a summary written on the 1/3/05 explaining the school budget expenses being part of the town municipal budget. The rent of the school building is based on a formula that the school board worked out for town use, which is 1/3 of the time, or 60% of the total maintenance budget as a rental figure of \$26,672. If we paid that amount out of the School budget it would add .02 cents to residential property tax on the municipal side and .0086 to the town wide tax. Mr. Lehner explained that this was a way of getting around Act 60/68. Motion by Mr. Rood to include a line item of the \$26,672 to pay the municipal portion of the maintenance of the school building, seconded by Mr. Butcher. Vote: 5-0. Next expense was the electricity use charged to the municipal budget. The town has paid July, August and September school electric bills; some of that expense was going to the exterior lighting. Mr. Rood moved to include a line item of \$4,169.00 in the municipal budget for town use, seconded by Mr. Butcher. VOTE: 5-0. The next item was the Summer Learning Program salaries at \$5,200 and Summer Camp salaries at \$3,045. Mr. Blair felt that both these programs service a lot of children and for the money provided to the programs the town was getting what it was paying for. It was decided to leave the two programs as two separate line items in the budget. Motion by Mr. Blair to include in the budget \$8,245 for the Summer Camp salaries and Day Camp salaries, seconded by Mr. Rood. VOTE: 5-0. On the Winter Recreation programs including the Sugarbush Ski program at \$1,500, Blueberry Lake Ski Program at \$223.00 and the Primary unit swim program at \$1,061.00. The board decided to change the line item as Winter Recreation Programs and include the Swim Program in that line item. Motion by Mr. Butcher to modify the line item and include \$3,000 in the budget as a line item, seconded by Mr. Rood. VOTE 5-0. On the School Treasurer line item for \$2,000, motion by Mr. Blair to add \$2000 as a line item for School Treasurer in the municipal budget, seconded by Mr. Rood. VOTE: 5-0. The Warren Playgroup represented by Kirstin Reilly came back to the board to express their concerns on removing the line item of \$2,625 from the budget for this program. Mr. Lehner indicated that if the town stopped funding it, the school would not put it in their budget. After much discussion that it was not just a playgroup, but it was also for the parents as a support group it was decided to fund the group. Mr. Malboeuf expressed as a non-residential taxpayer that the school expenses being included in the municipal budget, is tax burden onto the town businesses and non-residential

taxpayers. Mr. Brodeur asked whether we could vote on this issue again, as we had already voted 5-0 the previous meeting to remove any funding from the budget. Mr. Butcher suggested that the playgroup could function just fine with some motivated parents and a place to hold it like the town hall. Ms. Binns suggested that there was nothing to do in the town hall with kids. Motion by Mr. Rood to rescind the vote of January 4, 2005 and include it in the budget as a line item, seconded by Mr. Simpson. VOTE: 3-2. Mr. Simpson, Mr. Blair, and Mr. Rood for, and Mr. Butcher and Mr. Brodeur against. The last item on including school expenses to the municipal budget, was road and lawn maintenance of the school grounds. Since the town owns the land around the schoolhouse then it would be a town expense and not a school expense.

**CAPITAL BUDGET HEARING:** Motion by Mr. Rood to go into a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Butcher. VOTE: 5-0. The Selectboard discussed the Brooks Field lights at the recreation field. Mr. Rood received a detailed quote of \$43,437.60. To repair the existing lights. The labor of \$24,000 was included in that figure. Motion by Mr. Rood to change line item from Village Improvements to Town Improvements, seconded by Mr. Brodeur. In Town Improvements in the General Fund it was budgeted for \$30,000 in 2005 for the Forecast Future Transfers and in the Forecast Expenditures being spent was \$45,000 which included the rumble strip as well as repairs to the lights. Motion by Mr. Rood to put \$30,000 in the Future Transfers, and funding 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 at \$5,000 each, and in the Forecast expenditures in 2005, \$45,000 being spent on town improvements, seconded by Mr. Brodeur. Motion by Mr. Blair to approve the Capital Budget as amended, seconded by Mr. Rood. VOTE: 5-0. Motion by Mr. Blair to come out of the Public Hearing, at 8:58 P.M. seconded by Mr. Butcher. VOTE: 5-0.

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION – FIRE POND PROTECTION POND PROJECT:** Will the Selectboard Adopt the following resolution: “Shall general obligation bonds of the Town Of Warren on an amount not to exceed Three Hundred thousand (\$300,000) be issued for the purpose of financing a Fire Protection Improvement Project, via: construction of a fire pond located at the Town Of Warren gravel pit off Route 100 and connecting underground piping to service Warren Village and outlying areas.” Motion by Mr. Butcher to accept the resolution, seconded by Mr. Brodeur. VOTE: 5-0.

**COMMUNITY LAND TRUST LETTER OF SUPPORT:** The community Land Trust sent a letter stating that it would like the Warren’s Select boards support towards the planning grant application to establish a regional housing revolving loan fund for low and moderate-income homeowners. Motion by Mr. Butcher to get off the letter to the Land Trust, seconded by Mr. Blair. VOTE: 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF 2005 LIQUOR LICENSES – THE PHOENIX, SKI CLUB 10, INC, AND PARADISE DELI:** The Selectboard signed all three of the 2005 liquor license requests.

**SELECTBOARD SUMMIT:** Mr. Rood explained at the next Valley Planning Meeting they will be discussing the logistics and on how to set this all up. It was suggested that it be before mid April and was discussed who should come to the meeting. The Warren

Selectboard members decided that it be Selectboard members from the towns, and their Town Administrators or Assistants. Mr. Rood will take back the information to the district.

RESPONSE TO BARRY CAHOON'S LETTER: The letter was in response to the status of Mad River Restoration Grant Agreement. The Town had submitted a letter dated 12/8/04 and it was sent to the Army Corps regarding stating the town's intent concerning the project and the funds that were made available for the project. Motion by Mr. Brodeur to send a letter stating that they had stated the town's intent and that the town knows how it would affect the funding sources that were reserved for the dam project. seconded by Mr. Blair, VOTE: 4-0, Mr. Rood recused from voting.

RESPONSE TO MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE: The Selectboard received a letter from MRVAS regarding a letter of support to the Vermont Homeland Security Unit. Motion by Mr. Butcher to send a letter in support of MRVAS requesting funding so that they could get protective equipment, medical supplies, rescue tools etc., seconded by Mr. Rood. VOTE: 5-0.

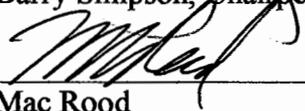
RESPONSE TO CHAGNON: A review of e-mail from Brad Aldrich of FA&A regarding funds available after all expenses are paid for was reviewed by the board. There would be a net of \$45,000-\$50,000 left and that the funds could be used for tractors, new softball fence, and additional hook-ups to the system and reaching a settlement with Chagnon. It was decided to wait on this item until we had the necessary supporting information.

Motion by Mr. Rood to Adjourn: at 10:00P.M, seconded by Mr. Butcher.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator



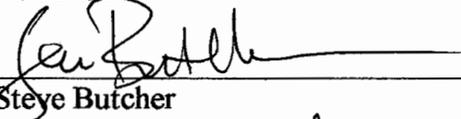
Barry Simpson, Chairperson



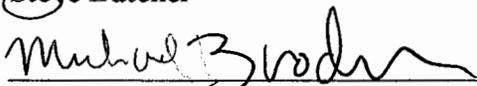
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