

December 12, 2005 Minutes
Warren Select Board
Warren Town Hall
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Simpson, Chair, Mac Rood, Mike Brodeur, Steve Butcher, Burt Bauchner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Katrina (Valley Reporter), Cindi Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 11/29/05: Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the minutes of 11/29/05, seconded by Mr. Rood. All in Favor: Vote: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Rood to authorize Mr. Simpson to sign the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: Vote 5-0. (All five members signed the resolution)

SELECT BOARD SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON FORM TA 65 STRUCTURES FORM FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR RICE BROOK CULVERT PROJECT: All members signed the approval for partial payment from the Department of Transportation of \$142,500.00 for the project. The additional 5% will be sent after inspection by the AOT. There is \$18,955.00 that was allocated in last year's budget, as the grant requires that the town fund 10% of any culvert/bridge projects.

7:05 PM – SELECT BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE MAD RIVER PLANNING DISTRICT RE-ORGANIZATION: There was much discussion indicating that the district was project driven, and that the district had lost communication with the towns. Mr. Simpson expressed that the district needed to be more innovated and creative. Trying to focus on attracting and retaining young people in the valley communities and not just town by town but valley wide. Mr. Brodeur expressed that the district could be set up as two groups: A group of conceptual planners that are made up of 3 planning commission members from the various towns. The second group could be the members of the Select Board that could meet quarterly if the group needed money. Mr. Simpson suggested that the district needs to promote more inter-municipal cooperation, as we have established in the Valley a good communication system via The Valley Reporter, TV 44, VT Journal, and email. It could represent a Valley wide "think tank" possibly focusing on transportation, policy, emergency services, recreation and changing the membership so that it rolls over from two years with new ideas and new members. Mr. Brodeur expressed that if the district doesn't hire a full time director; reduced funding from each of the towns could change from the \$19,100.00 that currently all 3 towns are contributing.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kingsbury Pay Requisition 4 – There was discussion on the status of the Fire Pond Project as the contract end date was December 8th, 2005. The project is still not complete as the Kingsbury's needs to find the leak in the line and pressure test the line again. The bollards have not been put into place and the top soil at the top of RT

100 needs to be moved in as it is infringing upon the Agency of Transportation right-of-way. Motion by Mr. Butcher to pay Kingsbury the \$28,629.79 which includes change order 2 for \$1,787.10 (additional ledge removal) and the \$2,622.00 for the additional swale work. Any work after the completion date will be accessed the liquated damages of \$800.00 and that Kingsbury will pay all engineering costs, seconded by Mr. Brodeur. All in Favor: 5-0.

Future Budget Meeting Dates: The board decided that meeting dates for the budget would be Tuesday, December 27, 2005, January 3, 2006, and January 10th, 2006. The December 27th meeting would consist of all departments having 15 minute blocks to present their budgets and discuss any of the capital budget items. Ms. Jones would set up a schedule regarding the times and departments.

9:30 PM – Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

Warren Select Board:

Barry Simpson, Chair

Mac Rood

Mike Brodeur

Steve Butcher

Burt Bauchner