

September 13, 2005
Warren Select Board
Warren Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Barry Simpson, Chair, Mac Rood, Steve Butcher, Burt Bauchner

Members Absent: Mike Brodeur

Others Present: Reta Goss, Cindi Jones, Miron Malbeouf, Valley Reporter, VT Journal, and Channel TV44

7:00 PM – Meeting Called to Order

7:05 PM – Motion by Mr. Rood to approve the August 23rd, 2005 minutes, seconded by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:10 PM – Green Mountain National Forest – Kathleen Dill – Partnership Coordinator – Ms. Dill called at 4:00 PM and could not make it due to an emergency.

7:15 PM – Road Access Permit Approval for Betsy Elliott – Approval is contingent upon, owner must supply contour drawings for design and construction from civil engineer including replacement of existing Roxbury Gap Culvert @24” per road crew foreman, replace pavement of road to existing condition, driveway and curb cut must be in compliance with Vermont B-71 standards, location approximately centered on the south side of Roxbury Gap between existing ledge outcroppings, and drainage of driveway above the new culvert installations.

7:40 PM – Additional School Stage Expenses exceeding the \$150,000.00 Bond - The Warren Stage Committee presented the Select Board a spreadsheet detailing the expenses of the Warren School Stage. There is currently due a balance of \$1,879.40 due to Bridgewater Construction for expenses incurred over the \$150,000.00 bond that was approved by the voters. The committee has forwarded them to the town to pay. Mr. Rood asked who the contractor was working for; the School or the Town. The Select Board has requested that Ms. Jones, research the expenses that the town paid and obtain the original contract and will vote on this at next meeting.

8:00 PM – Municipal Building Vault Space – Reta Goss - Ms. Goss presented the space problems and would like the board to put money in the budget aside for vault expansion, shoring up the building, putting in new windows, and the building is in need of paint and some structural foundation seasonal sagging problems. The board would like Ms. Goss to put together a list of the scaled back version of vault expansion, minimal structural improvements, foundation improvements and to have Jeff Schoellkopf, the architect, who originally designed the plan in 2003, come back with a scaled down cost so that we can start to implement some of the current plan and start to put aside some money to the capital building reserve fund for preparation for maintenance in phase in the improvements overtime.

Motion by Mr. Rood to have Ms. Goss provide a list for the Planning Commission, so that the Planning Commission can start the re-initiation project of the municipal space, seconded by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Butcher is go into executive session and invite Ms. Goss and Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rood. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:10 PM - Motion by Mr. Butcher to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Bauchner, All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Butcher to award Ms. Fuller 4 extra vacations days and Ms. Jones 1 extra vacation day, due to the extra volume of work that is being shared due to Ms. Butler's absence, to be taken during the month of October and not during the week that Ms. Butler returns and not on the same days, seconded by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Rood to award Ms. Robbins a raise in salary of 4% , based on her job description and 6 month evaluation period, effective next payroll date September 20, 2005, seconded by Mr. Butcher. All in Favor: VOTE 4-0.

9:40 PM – Freeman Brook Bridge: Ms. Jones received a call from Warren Tripp, Dept of AOT, Structures Division, regarding the bid that was received for Freeman Brook Bridge. Many contractors did not bid on the project because of the time constraints that were put on the project which made the project costs almost double. The select board decided that the bridge could be done anytime before July 4, and that it could be done in a phased in construction, keeping one lane open on the bridge. Mr. Tripp at the AOT, will change the requirements and go out to bid again.

9:15 PM – The Select board also discussed the parking problems with buses at the garage due to the loss of parking with the wastewater system and the extra bus that Warren School will be getting. It was discussed to look into the possibility of building an electrical pedestal up at the Warren School over near the dumpsters for the all the buses to plug into. We will need to look into reactivating the meter on the present pole, and putting a flood light on the pole as well to light up the area for visibility. It would be a 240Volt panel so that it can be used for 4th of July activities. Ms. Jones will contact Collins Electric and Green Mountain Power for costs associated with this.

9:45 PM – Mr. Simpson discussed updated the board on the fire pond project. The pond is currently shaped and has the pipe coming out of it. Also discussed was the bridge crossing on how the line will cross the bridge. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Hartshorn met with Dufresne-Henry regarding the plan and made some modifications to that plan.

The Select Board will investigate the possibility and procedures for sponsoring the resettlement in Warren of a family (with school-age children) that have lost everything to Katrina and wish to relocate permanently. This will involve finding housing, jobs and

various kinds of support for a short time until the family can re-establish their lives here in the Valley.


Also the board discussed current and future traffic concerns of the Sugarbush Access Road with development, current bridge project, and the Sugarbush Hotel Project.

The Select board also discussed assigning the task to the Conservation Committee to map town hiking trails that are either public or privately owned but open to the public. The map will not include privately owned trails that are not open to the public or that the owner does not wish to have included on the map.

10:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Rood to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Butcher. All in Favor:
VOTE: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator


Warren Select Board:



Barry Simpson, Chairperson



Mac Rood



Steve Butcher



Mike Brodeur



Bert Bauchner