

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2008
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mac Rood, Chair, Kirstin Reilly, Barry Simpson, Burt Bauchner, Erin Russell-Story.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Maclay, (TV 44), Miron Malboeuf, Mark Bannon, Margo Wade, Brian Fleisher, Valley Reporter, Cindi Hartshorn-Jones.

7:00 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Rood.

7:01 PM – TRAFFIC REPORT – MARK BANNON – Mr. Bannon started off the discussion by identifying that there has been 200 units constructed in the last two years that has been added to the town's designated Sugarbush Resort Growth Center. Mr. Bannon referred to several documents that were analyzed to come up with some recommended initiatives. He looked at the GIS information of the terrain around the growth center to identify potential network expansion corridors, reviewed state AOT mapping data, reviewed published traffic congestion data, reviewed State Police traffic accident data, reviewed Sugarbush Resort planning documents, reviewed previous town of Warren planning studies and performed interviews with persons familiar with the network issues, maintenance, planned developments and non-reported accidents. The task involved looking for emergency access only alternative routes. The Knoll Road Extension to Sugarbush Village could be looked as a connected road to the village as it is not fully developed yet and it is a town road. The last 700' to Village is not town owned and would have to be further investigated. There were two options identified for Summit Drive Extension to Sugarbush Woods Road. A secondary connection to German Flats offers several advantages to growth center planning including congestion relief and emergency vehicle access. It does offer opportunities to integrate existing developments into the growth center planning efforts. Pave and Main the existing access route to the resort – All roads providing access to the resort should be paved and upgraded to VTrans standard A-76 to provide safe access and lower maintenance costs. Sugarbush is a major recreational attraction and continued growth is expected.

Some Gateway treatments could help with the identifying and controlling traffic such as slow down signs, traffic speed reduction, and more visual cues to the driver. The entrance gateway at the Access Road could use some visual cues to make the driver aware that this road to the resort. Mr. Bannon examined the need for a round-about at the Access Road/Inferno Road which is now a 3-way stop. The town should explore acquiring the right-of-way about 50' beyond the existing right-of-way. Traffic circulation improvements should be investigated to mitigate the left turn entering the Clay Brook project (main entrance) to the parking lot. Traffic cueing for the left turn impedes the Inferno/Access Road Intersection. A round-about would provide more driver interaction and it is a low intensity traffic device. It would be designed as they enter on a parabolic curve (diagonal entry) the center is a mound able as a brick contour in the center. It has proven that a round-about moves more people through a difficult intersection. It is designed also so that emergency

vehicles such as fire trucks have the required turning radius to move easily through the intersection. In conclusion of the discussion, it was Mr. Bannon's recommendation that the priority order should be as follows: 1) Intersection of Access Road/Inferno Road, 2) Access to German Flats, and 3) look at the Knoll Road Extension. The board thanked Mr. Bannon for his thorough report.

7:55 PM – BRIAN FLEISHER – WAITSFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION – BIKE LANE SUPPORT ARTICLE – Mr. Fleisher explained that he is trying to gain support for bike lanes from Waitsfield to Warren. With Waitsfield proceeding forward with their water/waste projects, Mr. Fleisher is trying to gain support from the Valley towns for having bike lanes on RT 100 since the paving project from Waitsfield to Warren on RT 100 has been put on hold until 2010. He is working on trying to get federal funds, funds from the byway program to offset the cost. The AOT would go ahead with the proposed bike lanes if there is money to pay for them. He is requesting 4' shoulders with lanes on both sides of Kingsbury Bridge. Ms. Jones stressed that the Kingsbury Bridge Project has already been designed and that it took many months of work with the AOT and the Warren Selectboard to move this sensitive project forward. He requests that the following be put on the 2008 town meeting warning:

“We strongly support the implementation of full bike lanes on RT 100 from Bragg Hill Road in Waitsfield to Warren Village when it is repaved, currently scheduled for 2010. Safety, health and wellness, recreation and tourism are all benefits of the state fulfilling the requirements of Vermont Statutes Chapter 19 Section 2310 (a) and (b) that states “it is the policy of the state to provide paved shoulders on major state highways with the intent to develop an integrated bicycle route system.”

Motion by Simpson to approve the Advisory Notice as written, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:15 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET CHANGE – MARGO WADE – Ms. Wade presented to the board a change in the management plans total and the grants received as follows: NFA Grant Balance = \$3,000, RJ Turner Contract = \$7,170, Belanger Parcel Survey = \$1,000 for a total of \$11,170. Also there was a carry over from prior grants of a total of \$5,647 that was applied.

8:35 PM – OTHER BUSINESS:

Review of 1st Draft of Town Meeting Warning: - The board reviewed the thirteen articles as written. The board felt that Article 2 for town paving of West Hill to Inferno should be worded differently to open up discussion for the town moving forward on paving roads. Mr. Bauchner was delegated to rewrite the proposed article. Article 9 “How shall the Town vote so spend its Green Mountain National Forest Money? The board agreed on presenting Article 9 as: Shall the Town vote its Green Mountain National Forest money to go to the Warren Elementary School? Article 11, #2, Constables Article: Shall the Town vote to authorize the

selectmen to appoint a first constable? The board felt that it should be changed to appoint all town constables. Mr. Rood asked why it had to be on Australian ballot and could not be opened up for discussion. Ms. Jones indicated that the secretary of state indicated that it had to be voted as Australian ballot. Ms. Jones would follow-up and better wording as Waitsfield did this in 2004.

8:45 PM – Wastewater IDP Permit Amendment – Mr. Rood discussed with the board that he had met with Brad Aldrich, Forcier Aldrich & Associates and Carol Hosford to move in the direction of appealing to the Commissioner of Wastewater to explain why Warren is unique and could be less restrictive concerning the new wastewater rules since Warren has proven that the innovative experimental system works (as shown with the Warren Elementary School). Mr. Aldrich felt that this was the next direction the town should move towards to get an amendment to add new flows to the 30,000 system. After much discussion with Carol Hosford, she wanted to also have Senator, Phil Scott, join in on this discussion and then meeting with the Commissioner.

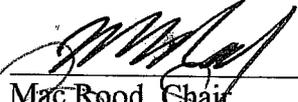
9:05 PM – CONTINUED BUDGET 2008 – The board first reviewed the Capital Budget. Mrs. Simpson reported a typo in the heading of Reserve Fund Budget Forecast Future Transfers. The word budget was incorrect. The board looked at the 2008 allocations and agreed to reduce the following by \$5,000: Highway Dept Equipment \$95,000 to \$90,000, Fire Dept. Equipment \$60,000 to \$55,000, Town Reappraisal \$30,000 to \$20,000, Conservation Fund \$25,000 to \$20,000, Paving \$200,000 to \$190,000, Wastewater System delete \$50,000. The board then moved onto the General Budget. Ms. Jones moved all the legal expense from the Selectboard Budget and moved it to a separate line item in the Highway Budget. Ms. Jones stated that when Ms. Robinson presented the Lister's Budget that all her budget could be paid out of the Capital Reappraisal Reserve Account. The board accepted this suggestion provided that the Town had a healthy fund balance. Ms. Russell-Story asked about a question concerning the bonds. Ms. Jones would go back and review the bonds. There were a few category headings that could be deleted as it has been 3 years and Ms. Jones would do that before the next meeting. Mr. Bauchner requested if Ms. Jones could get accounting information on the fund balance for each month.

9:50 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2008 - Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the Minutes of January 15, 2008, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

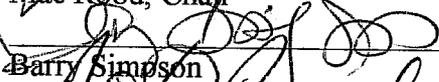
10:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Rood to adjourn, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Hartshorn-Jones
Warren Town Administrator

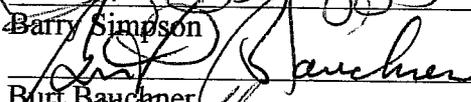
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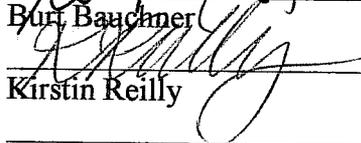
Mac Rood, Chair



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