

MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2007
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARRAN TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Hosford, John Barkhausen, Kate Burn, Margo Wade, Susan Hemmeter, Damon Reed, Tara Hamilton, Robin Bennett, Cindi Jones.

7:10 PM – Meeting Called to order by Mr. Rood.

7:11 PM – SCOTT CAMERON – PERSONNEL – Mr. Cameron cancelled.

7:12 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK IN – RICHARD ROBINSON – Mr. Robinson cancelled.

7:15 PM – CAROL HOSFORD – STATE REPRESENTATIVE - Ms. Hosford updated the board on what was happening out at the state legislature. In the Natural Resources area there the house has put out a bill for generating 25% of our energy from Vermont's renewable resources by 2025. VT Yankee will be picking up the price tag on this and this will create about 180 new jobs with efficiency Vermont.

Agriculture – There is a bill to provide money for a mobile slaughter house as there are very few left with all the state regulations. Try to encourage eating local and buying local agriculture products. There is a poultry piece where restaurants could buy local poultry and vegetables from farmers and from the farmers markets.

Ancient Roads – There is a second round of state money available to help fund this project. Grants are around \$5,000 each and any applications that were denied in the first round would have first priority on this money.

Health Care – The state has made its first attempt with health care with the Catamount Health program and continues to work more on this issue. They are looking at should things like for example: people that have insurance and that are killing themselves to pay for it, should natural homeopathic medicine included.

Education – They are working on looking at the spending thresholds, education caps at 4% If a school were to increase over the previous year by 4% to it would take a 60% majority of people present at town meeting to override it. The following year it would be 3.5%. This benefits the high spending schools at the cost of lower spending schools. There are 8 towns that are currently over the spending thresholds. The governor has proposed a cap on education spending. There is also a bus idling bill where buses will not be able to idle in school parking lots. They are looking at a pre-k cap bill. The house and senate are looking in the summer to look at funding education through the income

tax. Another way is 30% would be funded by the local property tax, and the rest income tax. However, the very outside tier the second home owners and business's would have to stay in the formula.

Also discussions on the impeachment bill are coming up for debate. Questions and concerns should be address to your state legislature representatives.

8:00 PM – ROOTSWORK LEASE – KATE BURN, JOHN BARKHAUSEN – Mr. Bauchner met with the Rootswork Committee and addressed the issues in the lease that Rootswork were concerned about such as the “Green”. The board again agreed that the “Green” is part of the lease. Rootswork would want to use the Green for more sustainable agricultural items such as flower beds, gardens to cut the cost down on the mowing. The description of the property was outlined more in a survey that was provided and is attached to the lease. The Rootswork board would come down and talk to the selectboard regarding any unusual events on the “Green” before they went ahead with anything.

Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to authorized Mr. Bauchner to sign the Rootswork Lease with the attached map showing the description of the property, the common, the store and where the meeting house once stood, now the parking lot, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0 (Mr. Simpson recused from voting).

8:15 PM – CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CHECK IN – Ms. Wade start out with discussion on the changes made to the Conservation Charter changing the sub words from Conservation Committee to Conservation Commission and incorporating any state statute requirements. They added a paragraph on the Selectboard dissolving the committee and establishing the commission on the April 24, 2007 Selectboard meeting. And those committee members are required to be residents of Warren and updated Selectboard names.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to adopt the Conservation Resolution Charter as presented changing it from the Conservation Committee Charter to the Conservation Commission Charter, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

The next item was the 2nd phase of the Brownsfield Grant for the Dump Parcel which was the “Central Vermont Brownfield’s Inventory and Assessment Initiative Owner Participation Form” to the Central Vermont Regional Planning District. This participation form needed to be signed by the Selectboard.

Motion by Ms. Bauchner to authorized Mr. Rood to sign on behalf of the Selectboard, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Ms. Wade also let the board know that Robin Bennett and Susan Hemmeter would be the Conservation Commissions representatives on the sub committee formed of one planning Commission Member, and one Selectboard Member to set down a plan for the ancient roads/paths to move it along. They also expressed that they would like to try to be on the selectboards agenda towards the front end of the agenda when possible.

8:50 PM – OTHER BUSINESS:

Leonard Robinson's sign – The board discussed and agreed that Mr. Richard Robinson, Road Foreman, should be responsible for resolution on this issue by offering to fix some of the repair. The board did not feel that the town should have to pay for this as it was a very unusual winter and it the town right-of-way.

9:10 PM – Resolution for Town Municipal Designee to the Vermont Community Development Program –

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to appoint the executive director of the Mad River Valley Planning District as the town's municipal designee to the Vermont Community Development Program approved fair housing training, **second** by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2007 – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the minutes of April 10, 2007, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Road Use Permit Sugarbush Holdings LLC – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the Road Use Permit, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:15 PM – Liquor License Approvals – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve liquor licenses for Chez Henri and the Phoenix, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Town Appointment: Motion to appoint Mr. Nick Morehouse as Deputy Emergency Coordinator, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:35 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to go into Executive session to discuss personnel and invite Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Simpson.

10:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to come out of executive session, second by Ms. Russell-Story, All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Lawn Mowing: The board reviewed the proposal for lawn mowing bids. The board agreed to hire Mr. Peatman to mow Riverside Park for the amount of \$1250.00 for the mowing season. There would be two contracts out for bid: Brooks Field. The other contract would be the big cleared field, behind the tennis courts, pumps stations and Warren School.

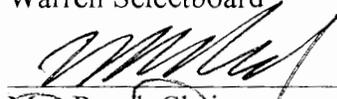
Path/Fitness Stations around Brooks Field: Ms. Reilly said she was approached by Andreas Lehner about the path and having fitness stations. Ms. Russell-Story indicated that on the Eaton Parcel in the Forest Management Plan there was a plan on paths.

IT Contracts – Mr. Bauchner indicated that Mr. Friedman would come in two weeks with a written proposal. He would take care of all software stuff, install new CD drives, terminals, computer and he would do software training such as excel, word etc. Mr. Friedman would like to get everybody on same Microsoft window office applications. Mr. Bauchner indicated that Mr. Friedman didn't think that the town needs a network contract. There not enough to do and suggested that the town pay Mike Ketchel on call. Mr. Friedman would sit down with Mr. Malboeuf concerning the zoning/911 data base. He suggested that the town hire someone that has a network engineer on staff if something major happens with the network. Mr. Bauchner indicated that Mr. Friedman suggested that the town might out source the 911/zoning data base with Mr. Butcher since he started it. Mr. Friedman also recommended doing online backups and that if the board wanted someone to be point person he would do it.

10:35 PM – Meeting Adjourned.

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

Warren Selectboard



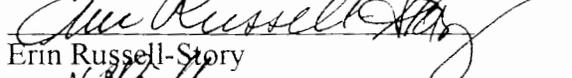
Mac Rood, Chair



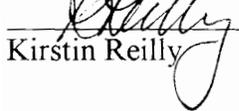
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AGENDA FOR APRIL 24, 2007
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7:00 PM – SCOTT CAMERON – PERSONNEL

7:30 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK IN – RICHARD ROBINSON

7:45 PM – CAROL HOSFORD – STATE REPRESENTATIVE

8:00 PM – ROOTSWORK

8:30 PM – CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CHECK IN

9:00 PM – OTHER BUSINESS

SIGN ISSUE – LEONARD ROBINSON

BOARD WARRANTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2007

RESOLUTION -

IT CONTRACT FOLLOW-UP