

MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2007
WARREN SELECTBOARD
7:00 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tara Hamilton, Ken Bergstein, Cindi Jones, Charlie Snow, Michael McGrath, Priscilla Robinson, Gary Bombard, Margo Wade, Richard Robinson.

7:00 PM –Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Rood.

7:01 PM – RECREATION COMMITTEE – Meet at Brooks Field – Ken Bergstein, Kirstin Reilly, members of the committee, met with the Selectboard to discuss the possible resolution of the basketball court. Prior to the meeting a email was sent to the board from Michael Ketchel from the Warren School Board expressing that the Recreation Committee look for other alternative locations and keep all the activity on the Brooks field side of the pavement. They expressed safety always comes first. The board looked at the skateboard park and the grinding pipe that was sticking up in the basketball court was to be removed for safety of basketball players. This request was made by the Selectboard last fall the skateboard group failed to remove this. The board requested that Mr. Bergstein have a discussion with Mr. Hall regarding the skateboard park. After much discussion the board agreed that that the basketball court was to stay as is and that the skateboard group would have to have consideration for the people using the court and remove all permanent obstructions to the court and sidelines. Mr. Simpson indicated that he had spoke to Glenn Johnson to have the basketball pole repaired.

7:35 PM –Meeting reconvened at the Warren Town Hall.

7:36 PM - ROAD CREW CHECK-IN – RICHARD ROBINSON – Mr. Robinson indicated that all was going well. Mr. Robinson inquired about the lawn mowing bids. The board was going look at them later and decide. While Mr. Robinson was present Mr. Simpson brought up 3 curb cuts for review: John Roth Curb Cut, Newcomb Curb Cut off Fuller Hill, and the Snow Road Curb Cut. First curb cut discussion was the Newcomb curb cut off Fuller Hill. Mr. Robinson, Mr. Swain, and Mr. Simpson looked at the road indicated that it needed to be level onto the Fuller Hill Road, site lines are less than 250' but it is on the uphill side of the road. The apron of the road needed to be widen out for emergency vehicles.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the Fuller Hill (5 lot) Newcomb curb cut Application including the addendum presented, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Curb Cut Newcomb – Snow Road – There was discussion from Mr. Snow that the original map shown was not what was decide on by Mr. Snow, Mr. Newcomb, and the fire department. The amended site map was to show that it would be placed the access just south of the sewer vent pipe (across from Peters) and would “T” off from Main Street

in the ravine and drop down the grade with better site line visibility for traffic. After much discussion no motion was made.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to defer Newcomb "Snow Road" Curb Cut pending new information, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

John Roth Curb Cut – Mr. Roth submitted a curb cut application for the spec house for lot 21, & 22, 250'+- in the westerly direction from Burnt Mountain Road. Mr. Roth had applied for a curb cut back in 1988 but attorney Olenick could not find written notice of this. The site lines were good in both directions and meets the B71 standards.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the Roth Curb Cut, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:50 PM – LISTER CHECK-IN – PRISCILLA ROBINSON – Ms. Robinson indicated she has filed a letter of extension for the town wide evaluation compliance extending it to 04/01/08 instead of 04/01/07. She indicated that the town should file the grand list this as it has to be filed by June 4. If the town does not file it as is now, tax bills would probably not go out until September. Ms. Robinson indicated that they were looking at 3 firms to appraise the Summit Ventures properties and have narrowed it down to two. The base lodge is part of Sugarbush and with Marshall and Swift, Bob Ackland, and the listers a value will be established. The board thanked Ms. Robinson for coming in and updating the board regarding the appraisal and grand list.

8:15 PM – LAWN MOWING BIDS – The board was presented with three lawn mowing bids one from O'Neil Plowing & Caretaking for \$9,000, McGrath Maintenance for \$8,000, and Howes Property Management at \$7,500. Lawn mowing bids will be contracted out on a yearly basis.

Motion by Ms. Reilly to accept the Mowing Contract of Eric Howes for \$7,500, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:25 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION – CHECK IN – Ms. Wade updated the board concerning the progress of the Commission. The Commission was waiting on the ancient roads project until the ancient roads committee meets. Paul Gilles who had worked with the Commission has donated maps to the Conservation Commission as a starting point. The Brownsfield Grants for the Dump Property is moving forward and the Town Garage Property has been accepted. The Commission kicked off the Natural Heritage Assessment by having a public meeting with Arrow wood Environmental, Planning Commission on May 14, and currently there is a map at the Warren School circulating having people identify where they have seen wildlife habitat. They were also asking people for permission to go onto properties for this habitat wildlife assessment. They have a drafted a map with the priority parcels that they would like to look at. The Commission will be making calls to these owners to request permission. On the management plans Josh Ryan is working on a trail design proposal for the Eaton and Gravel Pit parcels. On May 24, the Commission has another event planned which is a

Woodlands Owner Workshop. The Commission is currently looking at a draft Timber assessment plan and will pass on to board after review for the Eaton parcel.

8:40 PM - Ms. Reilly, Mr. Rood and Mr. Bauchner updated the board on the information meeting of Ancient Roads. Mr. Rood explained that it was an advisory group made up of Sheila Getzinger, Dick King, Alice Olenick recommending in strong terms not to pursue the ancient roads. Towns would be laying out lots of money, there would be litigation, and landowners would not like it as it would be a condemnation procedure of taking and offering no compensation. There are people out there who think that this could be a huge and difficult project to pursue. For example: If there is a hint of a ancient road, then there would be a dispute and then towns might find an old record saying that there could have been a road. Then someone would have to research the road forward from there to see if it had been thrown up. This group is recommending that towns abandon everything and it would require a public hearing. Options that the group recommended were: Do nothing, proactively adopt the existing town road map, (hearing required) and three, go forward with the investigation. The \$5,000 grant that towns are competing for this project is just going to be drops in the bucket to research this and would require much expense to accurately pursue this project. Ms. Russell-Story indicated you could selectively choose roads that are proven in parts of the town, however, those landowners that have could have an ancient road on their property would sue. Because they would state that the town did not look at the rest of the town.

8:45 PM – TOWN HALL – NEXT STEPS – The board had a discussion concerning the structural assessment report from Dewolfe Engineering. Mr. Simpson expressed that the town should have an agreement with Mr. Lobel regarding allowing maintenance to the building and an agreement to allow access to the bulkhead in the back. They discussed the next step was to do an RFP for architects to move the project forward up to construction contracts in the spring. Mr. Rood will put together an RFP for this project to send out to prospective architects.

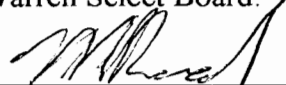
9:30 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to accept the minutes of May 8, 2007, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:35 PM – Conflict of Interest Issue – Mr. Simpson wanted to clarify to the Select board that he would participate in discussions regarding the Planning Commissions Report of the Bobbin Mill Site as a possibly site for the Town Garage but he would recuse himself from voting on anything pertaining the site selection process.

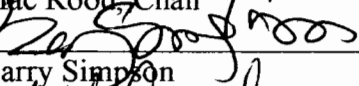
9:50 PM – Motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM by Mr. Rood, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0. Meeting Adjourned

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

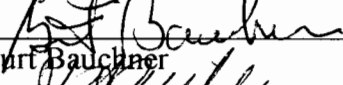
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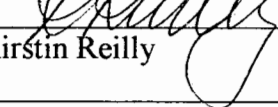
Mac Rood, Chair



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MAY 22, 2007 AGENDA
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7:00 PM – RECREATION COMMITTEE - Meet at Brooks Field

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

7:45 PM – LISTER CHECK IN – PRISCILLA ROBINSON – RE: Appraisal status,
grand list status etc.

8:15 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION – CHECK IN

8:30 PM – TOWN HALL – NEXT STEPS

9:00 PM – OTHER BUSINESS
Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2007
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