

MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2007
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Simpson, Mac Rood, Burt Bauchner, Kirstin Reilly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Russell-Story

OTHERS PRESENT: Charlie Snow, Alex Newcomb, Don Swain, Miron Malboeuf, John Donaldson, Lisa Miserandino, Jim Sanford, Susan Hemmeter, Alex Maclay – TV44), Erin Post (Valley Reporter), Cindi Jones.

6:30 PM – CURB CUT – SNOW ROAD – SITE VISIT – Mr. Swain, developer of the property, presented a sketch showing the lower curb cut as suggested by Mr. Snow. This curb cut would accommodate 2 homes up to 5 homes in the future. Mr. Robinson explained if it was a state road it would have to come onto the road straight. The current road is proposed at a 10% slope and is 18' feet wide going up 200-250' before going into the development. The new proposed curb cut would be a 12% grade. Mr. Snow expressed that fire trucks and construction vehicles would not be able to make it up the present corners proposed into the development. In the winter months people would be stuck and block the present Snow Road not allowing other residents to get out. Mr. Snow expressed that the developer could on the new proposed location cut the bank down making long slope banks and reusing the gravel and that it would not interfere with the present resident's driveway access in an out. Mr. Simpson addressed the visibility, site lines and culvert/ditch issues.

7:08 PM – Meeting convened at the Warren Town Hall – Mr. Simpson explained that it is the Selectboards responsibility to look at site distance issues, consolidate driveways where possible, and look at drainage and grades of the proposed driveways. Mr. Robinson had a drainage concern of the culvert side by Eddie Dettors property that it would not be sufficient to handle the excess drainage and that the ditch would need to be cleaned out.

7:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Simpson to accept the present schematic with the consideration of the culvert location presented which shows one on the westerly side of the driveway under the Snow Driveway which carries water North to RT 100, ditch into existing swale opposite the Newcomb House under the Road and that the present 15" culvert needs to be upgraded by Dettors. Mr. Bauchner amended it to have applicant come back with a drainage proposal. Second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:25 PM – RICHARD ROBINSON CHECK-IN – Mr. Robinson presented his planned on paving proposal as Ms. Jones informed Mr. Robinson that we did not get a paving grant for the amount of \$111,000 which was allocated to pave Main Street. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Weston Jr, proposed that the town pave from the corner of West Hill/Golf Course Road to the Inferno Road about 1800 feet, 22" wide with a 2" base 1 ½"

top base at a cost of \$61,000. They also proposed to pave from the intersection of Lincoln Gap/West Hill to the culvert after Gloria Currier's driveway with the same specifications 800 feet for a total of \$2,800 at \$70 per ton for asphalt. Mr. Robinson suggested that for long term paving next year would be to finish Roxbury Mountain cutting down the maintenance issues of constant grading, chloride, ditching etc. The board asked if Mr. Robinson could come up with the cost of the dirt road maintenance per year.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to put out a public hearing regarding paving these sections of roads, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:35 PM – PLANNING COMMISSION CHECK IN – Members of the Planning Commission came in to check in with board to discuss the charrette and town garage report plans. Mr. Simpson restated to the board that he would rescue himself from voting on the site selection process as the Bobbin Mill site was suggested by the Planning Commission but he would participate in discussions. The Planning Commission recommends and encourages selectboard to formally adopt this plan as temporary framework guide for future planning and decision making for the Warren municipal Facilities. This would help the town to anticipate future expenditures and that the 2005 Warren Town Plan should be amended to include this framework to help establish future priorities and forecast future expenditures within a established frame work. The Planning Commission recommended that the critical action presently is to secure rights to acquire part of the Hanke property either by purchase out right or set aside future funds. Town should start to acquire funds for this purchase. Mr. Bauchner stated he has reservations about pulling out the town parking lot and suggested it be done in phases to see how the upper parking would work. Mr. Simpson had reservations that parking was to distant from the fire house/church. Ms. Reilly did not want to agree to pull up the parking lot as well. Mr. Donaldson stated that this is not a real detailed planning exercise and that it would have to be engineered in increments and roads would have to be reconfigured. Mr. Rood expressed that this was a framework to work with and that the time frame of this plan was 2-3 years out. Mr. Simpson expressed that the report was a good reflection of what the charrett came up with and commended the Planning Commission for doing a nice job.

9:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to adopt the plan as a guiding framework as future town planning for the town center, with flexibility and incrementally and incorporating it in the 2005 Town Plan, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Town Garage Plan: Mr. Donaldson expressed that the quick grading scale was done on the 3 properties in question: The Bobbin Mill Property, The A/R Parcel by Kingsbury's Bridge, and leave it at its present location. Mr. Simpson stated the benefits of leaving the garage at its present location such as a critical part of the town center, and the maintenance operations is close to the school, the neighborhood surrounding it has grownup with the garage. Ms. Reilly like the idea of moving to the garage over to Bobbin Mill Property. The Planning Commission liked the idea of moving the garage to the A/R parcel as Mr. Sanford stated that the garage would be closer to the Access Road

where the road crew does a majority of the winter road work. The board felt that there could be a trade off with Sugarbush for proposing the affordable housing on the current town garage site bringing more people into town and closer to the school. Mr. Sanford said that The Bobbin mill site is an industrial place and that it is easily accessible and right off Rte 100. Mr. Bauchner inquired about why the Coates property was not considered as a potential site? Mr. Donaldson stated that the property is very restricted by ACT 250 and the process to go back and change it would be problematic.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to start conversations with Sugarbush regarding the trade off and continue with the Brownsfield Assessment and have the Planning Commission look more closely at the Bobbin Mill Property, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0 (Mr. Simpson recused from voting).

8:40 PM – ANCIENT ROAD RECCOMENDATION – Kirstin Reilly, Susan Hemmeter – The commission came back to the Selectboard regarding three roads of interest that the town might want to consider. Ms. Hemmeter indicated that they focused in on roads that were for recreational uses, the mad Path and that these roads originally went somewhere. There were two roads of interest that Ms. Hemmeter and the committee had focused in on. One was a road that connected the Anne Burns Road to Route 100 and another one was a connection from Fuller Hill Rd to Behn Road. The committee deemed that both could recreate recreational loops for bicycles or hikers, walkers. The committee also found another road that extended off the Airport Road and headed in the direct of Waitsfield towards the location of the Bundy Gallery. The committees also proposed bringing public opinion into the discussion of the ancient road research and hear public comments about how reclaiming these roads could affect the community and land owners. Mr. Schenke was present as one road does cross his property and he was concerned about problems with ATVs and snow mobiles. Mr. Simpson expressed that the proposed roads would be non-motorized trails. Mr. Rood recommended that the committee come up with a draft easement and negotiate with landowners in the three defined areas and Mr. Rood recommend that these roads would always remain a trail and would formally be abandoned by the town. In doing this it would prevent any future board trying to take these roads to be used in the future by the Town of Warren. The committee's next step is to have a public meeting to hear the communities comments on the ancient roads.

9:25 PM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 22, AND JUNE 7, 2007 – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the minutes of May 22, 2007 and June 7, 2007, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:30 PM – OTHER BUSINESS

Blueberry Dam Update – Barry Simpson – Mr. Simpson – Updated the board regarding the dam visit. There was a concern of spillway overflow pipes. The extra water coming from the road culverts are silting up the pipes and the town needs to redirect the drainage so that the water is not flowing into the overflow pipes. The two concrete headwalls that have two 5' x 6 tubes that were newly inserted in the concrete walls shows chipping of the cement walls. There is a horizontal crack at the base of the headwalls possibly due to water that can't get out the overflow pipes. Mr. Simpson is the official monitor of the dam and will follow-up with Richard Robinson concerning getting the silt from the overflow tubes cleaned out. Mr. Simpson and the State inspector walked into the concrete overflow tube and noticed that there are a number of small cracks. The state inspector recommended that he would like Jeff Tucker, Engineer, from Dubois & King come and look at the cracks that are currently hairline with calcium/iron deposits coming out of them.

Freeman Brook Bridge Update – Mac Rood – Mr. Rood attended the pre-construction meeting regarding the Freeman Brook Bridge. Concerns about traffic were addressed. There will always one lane traffic with a lane width of 10' wide adequate for fire trucks and on each side there is a 30" high barrier. For the 4th of July floats will have to fit into the 10' wide section for the first 30" and then can hang over the top. The Construction will start June 18. There was discussion preserving good relations with the neighbor to the north and they looked into providing privacy plants at the end of the project. They were looking at a cedar hedge of 4-5 trees to plant after the project is completed. Project completion date is late fall 2008. Most of the construction will be done before 2008. The bridge will be open to two lane traffic from December 1-April 15.

9:46 PM – Liquor License Renewal – Country Flair – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the liquor License Renewal for Country Flair, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:50 PM - Department of Publics Works Position – Mr. Bauchner volunteered to put together a draft of the position and would distribute by email to the board for review before the next board meeting.

9:50 PM – Motion by Mr. Simpson to go into Executive Session concerning land matters and invite Ms. Jones., second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

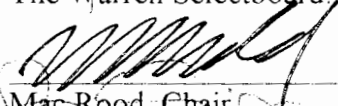
10:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Rood to have Mr. Simpson contact Ms. Getzinger to proceed with real estate matter, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

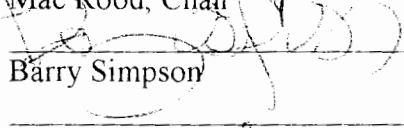
10:30 PM – Motion by adjourn by Mr. Bauchner, second Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Ms. Hartshorn-Jones, Warren Town Administrator

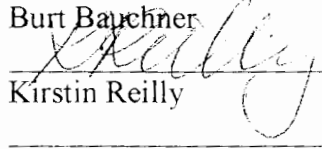
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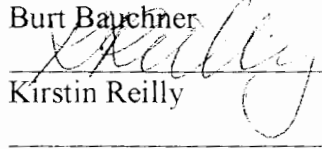
Mac Rood, Chair



Barry Simpson



Burt Baucher



Kirstin Reilly

Erin Russell-Story

Ancient Roads Subcommittee Recommendations to the Select Board

June 12, 2007

The Ancient Roads subcommittee, Susan Hemmeter, Robin Bennett, Jim Sanford and Kirstin Reilly met twice to make recommendations concerning ancient road research. The pros and cons of moving forward with the Ancient Roads research were discussed. It was decided that to make a more informed assessment, the Beers and Wallings maps of Warren needed to be viewed. Both maps were fairly accessible. The maps pointed out specific roads not found on the current Warren road map but found on the Beers and Wallings maps. The committee's goals were to find roads that could be used for recreational paths, such as routes for the Mad River Path, and also to find roads from residential areas to central community locations such as The Village, the school, Blueberry Lake, etc... to promote walking and biking.

Most of the roads found on the Wallings Map were found on the current map or were more clearly marked on the Beers Map. The committee found the Beers Map to be more clear and useful.

The Beers Map showed roads branching off of Lincoln Gap Road into what is now Green Mountain National Forest land. The committee recommends no further research on these roads.

Two roads were of interest, one that connected Anne Burns Road to Route 100 and another that connected Fuller Hill Rd. with Behn Road. The committee deemed that both could create recreational loops for bicyclists or walkers, but don't necessarily go to any central community location. They also were not located near the Mad River Path. The Road that connected Fuller Hill with Behn Road may come very close to where a home is now located. In other towns roads have been moved somewhat to accommodate property owners. Making this road a trail could offer a useful connector to Brook Road, Kid's Brook and the Village.

The committee found one road worth investigating further. It extended off of Airport Road and headed in the direction of Waitsfield. It appeared to go towards the location of the Bundy Gallery. No road name was found on the Beers map but a homestead with the name J. Pettrel was located on the road. The road could possibly be used as an alternate route for the Mad River Path. The committee recommends exploring this road further by trying to locate it, talking with the Waitsfield Ancient Road committee to discover if Waitsfield is pursuing this particular road and applying for the next round of grants from the state to fund further research of this road.

The Ancient Road committee recommends bringing public opinion into the discussion of ancient road research to hear public comments about how reclamation of roads could effect community and land owners. The committee supports efforts to bring community together to plan a network of trails and pathways around Warren to promote healthy life styles, safe recreational paths and useful pathways to central community locations. Ancient roads do not necessarily support this vision but they could be used as a catalyst into a discussion to plan for future paths in and around Warren.

AGENDA FOR JUNE 12, 2007
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WARREN TOWN HALL
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6:30 PM - CURB CUT - SNOW ROAD - SITE VISIT

7:00 PM - RICHARD ROBINSON - CHECK IN

7:15 PM --PLANNING COMMISSION CHECK IN

7:45 PM ANCIENT ROADS RECOMMENDATION - KIRSTIN REILLY

8:05 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2007, & JUNE 7, 2007.

8:15 PM - OTHER BUSINESS

Blue Berry Dam Inspection - Barry
Freeman Brook Bridge Up-Date - Mac
Liqueur License - Country Flair
Continuation of the DPW