

JUNE 26, 2007 MINUTES
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mac Rood, Barry Simpson, Burt Bauchner, Erin Russell-Story, Kirstin Reilly (7:10PM).

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Lloyd, Susan Hemmeter, Judy Phelon, Arnold Livingston, Sue Frechette, Douglas Shick, Fran Plewak, John Plewak, Erin Post – Valley Reporter, Charles Snow, Walter Hensen, Eric Allen, Margaret Johnson, Debra Wetmore, Carl Lobel, Bob Meany, Damon Reed, Gary Eckhart, Don Swain, Bill Peatman, Miron Malbeouf, Cindi Jones.

7:10 – PUBLIC HEARING – PAVING PROPOSAL – SECTION OF WEST HILL TO INFERNO, & 800’ OF LINCOLN GAP – Mr. Robinson opened up the discussion of the cost of 1 mile of road paving/maintenance and the cost of 1 mile of dirt. The cost with gravel, Labor, grading, chloride, ditching etc to maintain a mile of dirt is \$23,000 per mile and for blacktop the cost is \$16,000 per mile. Many residents on the stretch of the West Hill Road to Inferno expressed that they did not want it paved because of esthetics, trees, safety, speed and that it is used by walkers. Residents from the Lincoln Gap Road expressed that they had no problems with paving the 800’ section of road as it was impassable in the spring. Mr. Simpson expressed that the Lincoln Gap Road is a feeder road to Lincoln and in the winter it is closed and there is only 1 way out. Mr. Robinson indicated that area of Lincoln Gap is very wet and holds a lot of water. Ms. Jones expressed that the town needs to start looking at paving roads for cost and maintenance factors. She also expressed that some roads in the spring were impassible for medical and fire personnel. Ms. Jones indicated that the town was involved in a road surface management study that is assessing all the roads and will be used for budget and maintenance purposes. Mr. Henson expressed that Sugarbush is the heart of the Warren, and it is a feeder artery to Sugarbush and that many people use that road a lot. After hearing comments from the public the board. Mr. Bauchner indicated that the town should wait for the surface management report, traffic study that is focused on the Sugarbush area and felt that the road should not be paved and that there should be a set of objective criteria on what needs to be paved.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to defer the West Hill Paving until the two studies are received, and that the developer has set up an objective criteria on what gets paved and what doesn't, second by Erin Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to pave the 800’ as proposed, second by Mr. Bauchner. VOTE: 4-1 (Against paving: Mr. Rood, Mr. Bauchner, Erin-Russell-Story, Kirstin Reilly) For paving: Mr. Simpson.

7:45 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK-IN – MR. ROBINSON – Mr. Robinson asked the board about the temporary power line that the 4th of July Committee was running from the end of the Wastewater Shed to the 1st bollard directly across the road. Mr. Robinson

indicated that Mr. Butcher from the committee wanted to dig it about 2' and run a conduit under the road to run temporary power. The board felt that this line should be a permanent line so that it could be used for other events. Mr. Simpson said he would contact the electrician doing the job and establish a permanent power line.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to have the 4th of July Committee proceed with the installation of the electric line at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 taking it out of the 4th of July budget, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:15 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHECK IN - DAMON REED – Mr. Reed came in to request that the board take the Conservation Fund Money out of the town's present capital account and place it with a bank with higher yielding interest returns. He presented to the board Chittenden and Northfield Savings Bank Rates. The state statute states that the town treasurer has the authority to invest the money with the selectboard's approval. After much discussion it was decided that Mr. Bauchner and Ms. Russell-Story would meet with Ms. Fuller and discuss various options to insure that the town does not tie up any money that would cause the town to have to borrow against it to fund a land transaction that could come up if the selectboard deems that it is necessary to buy land.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Town Constable – Bill Peatman – Mr. Peatman came to the board to request that they consider having the town constable do some night patrolling. Mr. Peatman indicated he would volunteer his time and equipment to do some night patrolling. He would work in conjunction with Peter Laskowski, Constable for Waitsfield, and deputy for the Washington County Sheriff's department. He has had discussions with Corporal Danaher at the Vermont State Police and they are fully supportive of this. The board would have to check with their insurance concerning this position and would need to see if the Selectboard has the authority to appoint another constable. Ms. Jones would look into the matter and report back to the board.

Department of Public Works Position – Mr. Bauchner presented to the board a draft of what the DPW position would be. Areas of responsibility include but not limited to: Roads, bridges, byways, trails. Direct supervision of the road crew, maintain schedules highway dept. trucks, heavy equipment, fire dept trucks, town owned buildings, town owned parks recreation facilities and structures. Inventory purchasing, personal hiring, firing, training evaluation etc. It was discuss this is a supervisory position. Director of DPW would be responsible for maintenance, operation, repair, construction, planning and oversight of assets, infrastructure and personnel of Town of Warren. It was discussed that this person could possibly be trained to do the easy routine maintenance things on the sewer system. The board will talk to SOS concerning this. There were issues bought up such as funding the position and location of this person. Mr. Simpson had difficulty in just jumping into a whole new dept at this time. The board felt that they could work with a four man road crew until October. Ms. Storey indicated that the road crew already does

most of the work and it was just changing the road crew name and responsibilities to DWP and specifying the roles more clearly.

Lawn Mowers – Mr. Simpson was asked to discuss the loaning out of the Lawn Mowers; Zero Turn, Cub Cadet, and Simplicity Mowers. It was asked by Mr. Brodeur if Rootswork could use the cub cadet to mow the common at Rootswork. Mr. Simpson indicated the cub cadet is used for street sweeping, post hole digging and is a utility tractor. The simplicity mower is about 4' in width and Mr. Brodeur indicated to Mr. Simpson that he would oversee the operation of it (i.e. oil, gas, running right etc). Brodeur also inquired for the Couples Club regarding the zero-turn mower that was bought with wastewater funds to maintain Brooks Field. The board did not favor in loaning the zero turn mower out as it would get a lot of wear and tear transporting it back and forth to Waitsfield.

Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to loan the simplicity mower to Rootswork with a waiver of liability and not loan out the zero turn mower or the cub cadet mower, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0 (Mr. Simpson recused from voting as he is a member of the Rootswork Board).

9:40 PM –Freeman Brook Bridge – Owner Concerns O'Neill – Given a situation concerning Mr. O'Neill's property and the town-right-of-way a letter was written to Mr. O'Neill regarding planting of Cedars Trees at the toe of slope upon completion of the bridge project.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to have all the Warren Selectboard sign off on the O'Neill letter as written by Mr. Simpson, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:45 PM -- Waitsfield Fayston Right-of-Way Agreement Aerial --To provide new poles and telephone service cable on the E Warren Road from the junction of Breakaway Farm Road south to the Junction of Airport and Roxbury Mountain Road.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to sign and approve the aerial agreement, second by Ms. Reilly, All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:50 PM -- Ms. Robinson Appraisal Consultant Request – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to authorize Mr. Rood to sign the request for the appraisal consultant as written and requested by Ms. Robinson, second Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:00 PM – Forest Fire Warden Appointment Authorization Form – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to accept the appointment of Mr. Chris Burfoot as requested by the State for the term of July 1, 2007- July 1, 2012, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:02 PM - Pitcher Inn Liquor Licenses – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the liquor licenses of the Pitcher Inn, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2007 – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2007, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:10 PM Board Warrants – The board was presented two warrants one for the 4th of July and the other for all other town expenditures.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve all the expenditures except for the \$5,000 for fireworks, second by Ms. Erin Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:12 PM – Road Cuts – Triview Road – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the Triview Road Cut and to reduce the fee from \$50.00 to the recording fee of \$8.00 as per letter from Alice Olenick, second by Mr. Bauchner with an amendment not to reduce the fee. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Dennis & Sandy Schneider – Ann Burns Road Curb cut – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the curb cut with the standard fee of \$50.00, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:30 PM – Motion by Mr. Simpson to go into an executive session to discuss real estate matters and invite Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

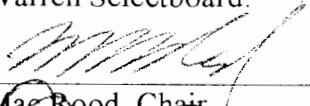
10:49Pm – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:50 PM – Mr. Simpson requested that at the next board meeting to add to the agenda discussion on Blue Berry Lake Dam Inspection Report.

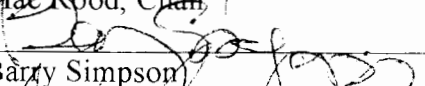
10:55 PM – Motion by Ms. Reilly to adjourn, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

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

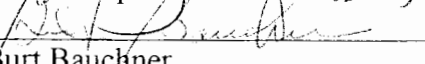
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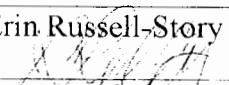
Mac Rood, Chair



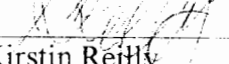
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7:45 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHECK IN

8:15 PM – OTHER BUSINESS

Constable Position – Bill Peatman

Department of Public Works Position

Town Mowers – Lending Out

Freeman Bridge – Owner Concerns – O’Neill