

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Robinson, Margo Wade, Tara Hamilton, Damon Reed, Susan Hemetter, Pierre Hall, Burgi Hall, Cindi Jones.

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

7:01 PM – RICHARD ROBINSON – ROAD CREW CHECK IN – Mr. Robinson reported that the crew has been working on the trucks getting them prepared for winter weather.

An invoice was presented to Ms. Jones from Leonard Robinson on the repair of his sign during the Valentine's Day storm. Mr. Robinson indicated he had tried to several times to get in touch with Leonard Robinson to resolve the damaged sign issue. He was unsuccessful in meeting with Mr. Robinson.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to authorize reimbursement of \$300 to Mr. Leonard Robinson, contingent upon moving the sign out of the road right of way, and to leave it with Mr. Simpson and Mr. Robinson on meeting with Mr. Leonard Robinson regarding replacement of the sign. Second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Freeman Brook Bridge update: Mr. Robinson indicated that they had removed the temporary steel guardrail. The contractor, Blow & Cote, plan on putting down a membrane material and roll it across one side of the concrete. Then they will pave it with 1 1/2" pavement, when one side is completed, they will clean off the concrete and roll out the membrane on the opposite side and pave it with 1 1/2" pavement. They plan on proceeding with this process on Monday, November 19, 2007.

Mr. Robinson inquired on status of the road crew job. Mr. Rood explained that the town is still advertising the position and that some interviews have been done. It has been difficult to find good qualified people and that there are a lot of towns looking to hire road crew personnel.

Town Road Classification List: Mr. Robinson presented to the board a list 7 roads as follows that are difficult to maintain and plow in the winter for the road crew. TH #8 – Cocklebury Farm Road, Class 3, .15 miles – Turnaround inadequate, Class 3, .40 miles - Services 1 house and very hard to plow and maintain during the winter. TH #28 Blueberry Lake Road 0.28, Class 3, services 1 house, and truck has to back out. TH #42 – Whitworth Road, Class 4, .05 miles, services 1 house, turnaround inadequate, trucks have to back down out of the driveway. TH #34 Thayer Road, Class 4, .50 mile, is not

maintained presently – would be very difficult to maintain during winter months. Services not homes. TH#43, Bobbin Mill Road, Class 3, .19 miles, commercial.

Motion by Ms. Reilly to notify the homeowners on these roads explaining the reasons why it was difficult to maintain in the winter and to notify them that they would be the last on priority road list to be plowed and that the Selectboard would assess these roads in the spring with the proper hearing requirements on declassification, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0 (Mr. Rood, Mr. Bauchner, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Erin Russell-Story) Mr. Simpson recused from voting.

Road Access Permit: Michael McCann – Road access off Upper Pines Road – This was an existing curb cut with no record filed in the town office. Mr. Simpson reviewed the application assessing it has good site distances, leaves the road level an then right angles.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the Michael McCann Road Access Permit, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:55 PM – SKATEBOARD GROUP – PIERRE HALL – Mr. Hall presented to the board the updated progress on the Warren Skateboard Park. The group is currently working on cleaning up area prior to winter weather. They will be cleaning off the basketball court area as well as the general skateboard park area. Pierre presented expenditure to date report and that they have about \$4,300 left from the grant received from the Valley Recreation District. The Selectboard voiced some concerns as follows:

1. Appearance and graffiti problems. – They are working on cleaning this up in the next two weeks.

2. Safety Issues addressed on an ongoing basis – Concerns were voiced on complaints from the public. i.e. boards with nails, a noose that was hanging in the area, and appearance. Mr. Hall indicated that he had spoken to the some parents addressing these concerns. Ms. Jones expressed that the group needed to have a committee that was in charge and enforcing the rules, helmets, picking up the area. Ms. Reilly reiterated that the town granted permission to the group to build the skateboard park, and that they need to respect the town area and communicate with the Selectboard on all events planned at the site.

3. Mr. Simpson expressed that there is a need to limit the memorabilia that is appearing at the site.

2. Mr. Simpson also expressed a concern that the basketball court needs to be clean and safe for people to use. Currently there are structures under the hoop, and there should be a 3' area outside the court area for safety concerns. The court should be readily available for public use.

8:15 PM - WARREN HOUSING AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Mr. Rood explained the housing report recommendations regarding the A/R parcel by the Kingsbury's Bridge. The committee provided the following summary of options:

1. Contact developers, beginning with CVCLT, to solicit interest in the project.
2. Consider moving the town garage to this site, and develop a housing project in the village on the present garage site. This would depend on Sugarbush providing the land, and still being credited for the housing. This option requires significant study, especially of septic capacity and environmental site restrictions at the town garage site.
3. Sell the A/R property with conservation restrictions.
4. Keep the A/R property – no housing or garage development. Explore multiple recreation/environmental opportunities for townspeople at this site.

The recommendations were a result of looking at the A/R parcel, doing an engineering plan, talking with various developers. The hard cold fact is that the site restrictions are so complicated to seek affordable house for the number of units originally that were talked about. The committee thought of going forward with option 2 as the Planning Commission were doing a Brownsfield study on present garage site. They are waiting for results from the study to see if this is feasible option. If it turns out to be feasible, then communications would begin with Sugarbush about a land swap so that they could still get their housing credit for affordable housing on the present garage site. Then the board would move forward to authorize funds for investigation of the A/R for town garage.

Mr. Simpson tried to imagine where the town garage would be placed with all the land that would be needed for salt, sand, culvert, and gravel storage. With all the restrictions is seems very hard to contemplate.

Mr. Bauchner indicated that someone needed to take all the data concerning the A/R an superimpose the garage site over the A/R site. Mr. Roods thought was too turned over all the data that has been collected on the site to the Planning Commission. It won't be an easy task to plan the site but it would at least eliminate the possibility of the A/R site for the town garage.

Mr. Russelly-Story stated that the Planning Commission needed to keep in the mind that the A/R was purchased with conservation funds and it limits activities that can happen on that parcel. Mr. Bauchner explained that the garage would be built on Sugarbush property and it doesn't sit anywhere on the A/R property. Access would remain off the existing road that Sugarbush has an easement to.

Ms. Hamilton asked if other sites were considered for the town garage. Mr. Rood explained that the Planning Commission had looked at the existing site, the Bobbin Mill Site, and the A/R parcel. These were the only three that were identified by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bauchner indicated that the committee looks at the present town garage site for affordable housing. It would be within walking distance to the school and to the downtown area of Warren and having in center of town has great advantages.

Ms. Wade expressed that The Conservation Commission is very interested in being in the planning process of the A/R parcel as the Conservation Fund is used to preserve parcels for conservation.

Mr. Rood indicated that the committee has been disbanded and was made up members of Planning Commission, Selectboard and Conservation Commission members. This report was just a recommendations made from the studies of the A/R parcel.

Mr. Simpson asked if Sugarbush still had the option to store materials on the A/R if they had to excavate the pond. Ms. Wade would check on this and report back to the Selectboard. It is a very likely possibility that the A/R will be used by the AOT for a staging, material storage area when and mobilization area for the Kingsbury Bridge Project. The temporary bridge approach will be going through the A/R parcel. Mr. Reed asked if restrictions or compensation would be given to the town for this. Mr. Rood explained that the Selectboard has asked for certain provisions and that it is best not to interfere with the Kingsbury Bridge Project as it took several years to bring the project back to the for front for safety.

8:30 PM – Motion by Mr. Rood to go into executive session to discuss personnel inviting the Conservation Commission and Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:45 PM – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to come out of executive session, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:50 PM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2007 – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve the minutes of October 23, 2007, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:52 PM – CAPITAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE TO FIX TOWN BUILDING WATER SUPPLY – Motion by Mr. Rood to approve the capital expenditure of \$2,550.00 to fix the town water supply, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:55 PM – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS – Valley House, Sugarbush Restaurants Inc., Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the Valley House Liquor License Renewal, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:00 PM – TOWN HISTORIAN APPOINTMENT – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the appointment of Mary Gow as Town Historian, filling the term vacated by Ms. Hartshorn's death, second by Mr. Rood. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:01 PM – OTHER BUSINESS: Changing the town constables elected position from an elected position to an appointed position. After discussion at the Valley Selectboard Summit and at the Selectboard meeting, the board agreed on proceeding forward to making this change at town meeting.

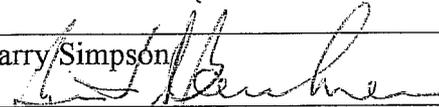
10:20 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Rood, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

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

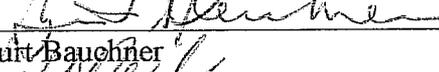
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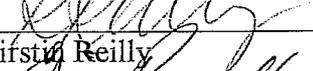
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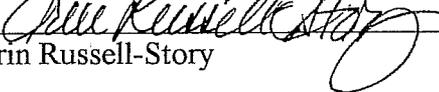
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