

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

7:00 PM – Megan Moffroid – Canopy Tree Grant Project – Next Phase –

7:25 PM – Budget Continuation

7:45 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson – DPW – Related Issues

7:50 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2014

7:55 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants \$ 916,866.41

8:00 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable \$ 567,577

8:05 PM – Other Business

L10 License Renewal - Beaver Pond Farm
& Outside Consumption Permit

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Matt Groom & Colleen Mays.

Members Absent: Anson Montgomery

Others Present: Barry Simpson, TV 44/45, Megan Moffroid, and Cindi Jones.

7:05 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:10 PM – Canopy Tree Grant Project – Megan Moffroid - Ms. Moffroid came before the board to present a preliminary plan of the phase 2 tree plantings around town. The Town has received \$5,000 from the Parks and Recreation to help offset the cost. The total cost is about \$8,000 and the Tree Committee will find other donations to supplement to the grant. Trees to be included are along Flat Iron, north side of Brook Road and North Main. Ms. Moffroid has begun talking with the landowners in those particular areas to get a signed agreement to plant them. A land owner inquired about plantings on the river bank by the Park and Ride. Mr. Simpson indicated that they would have to be planted further down on the river bank and would not survive.

Mr. Cunningham also inquired if Ms. Moffroid has looked at the pine trees around the tennis courts at Brooks Recreational field. The town is looking to see if it is feasible to cut and stump all of the area or just cut 2 trees to help solve the unusable tennis court problems when the pine needles all fall off. Ms. Moffroid has not had a chance to look at them but will in the next few weeks.

7:20 PM – Budget Continuation - Wastewater – the board looked at the wastewater budget and had a question on benefits why it was such an increase. Ms. Jones explained she has put a lot of extra time into wastewater with more issues of late. She would check on the benefit line again.

Town Budget: The board felt pretty good about the current town budget as it shows that it is down by half a million from last year. They feel that this budget is not cutting services and that it does represent a fair budget. Salary increases were talked about and the board felt that the 3% increase in salaries was justified.

Motion to approve the 3% increase in Town Employee salaries as presented in the budget, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Capital Budget: Mr. Simpson presented his capital projections on the highway equipment list. The mower was still included in the number but the board felt that Mr. Weston had adequately put in the highway budget a rental for a mower for a period of 2 weeks.

It would give the highway crew a chance to try and see what is out there for mowers and that it could work instead of purchasing. Mr. Simpson also reported that someone has been dumping trash/material behind the Sugarbush Fire Station. The board also instructed Mr. Simpson to present at the next meeting a cost for adding a paved swale by the village fire station, tree removal of the pines by the tennis courts, replacing and adding chains/rope of the bollards around the septic fields and the cost of roofing the north side of the covered bridge.

8:30 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2014, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:35 PM – Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Refunding – Ms. Jones presented to the board a letter from the Vermont Bond Bank with a schedule of refunding money on the fire pond bond that was taken out in 2005. The savings is about \$8,000.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve and sign the refunding of money on the fire pond bond 2005-1, for a savings of \$8,000, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:35 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the warrant as presented for \$567.57, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:40 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$9,686.41, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:42 PM – Liquor License Approval for Beaver Pond Farm and Outside Consumption Permit - Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Liquor License and Outside Consumption Permit for Beaver Pond Farm, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Other Business:

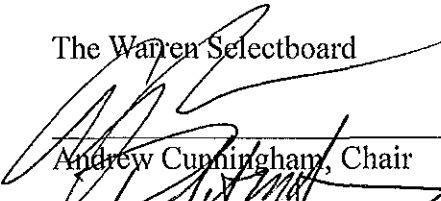
Salary DPW – Mr. Cunningham would talk to Mr. Simpson about become a salary employee with specified hours per week.

Solar Array – Mr. Cunningham reported that Mr. Greshin had written the letter to the State Dept of Education. Mr. Cunningham would forward a copy to the other members of the board.

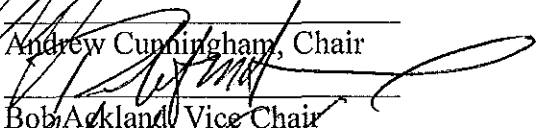
8:45 PM – Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Ackland, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones
Warren Town Administrator


The Warren Selectboard



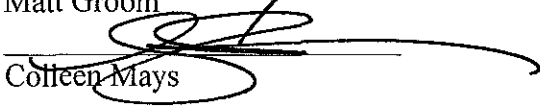
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