

Agenda  
Warren Selectboard  
Tuesday, April 10, 2012  
Warren Municipal Building  
7:00 PM

- ✓ 7:00 PM – Conservation Commission with The Vermont Land Trust – Conservation of the Eaton Parcel
- ✓ 7:30 PM – George Robinson – Road Concerns & Retaining Wall Concern (By Anson Montgomery's Driveway)
- ✓ 7:45 PM - DPW – Barry Simpson – Bids on Split Rail Fence at Riverside Park

7:55PM -Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2012

8:00 PM – Approval of Warrants - Payroll 110,957.71, Payables 73,406.93  
Total = 90,366.61

8:10 PM – Other Business

Liq Lic for Chez Henry + Slide Brook Tavern  
Approval for Mad River Triathlon  
Purchasing Policy

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**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Matt Groom, Anson Montgomery & Kirstin Reilly.

**Other s Present:** Rudy Elliott, Lisa Miserendino, George Robinson, Liza Walker, Marilyn Miller, Patty Sue Carter, Craig Klofach, Barry Simpson, Jim (TV44/54), Cindi Jones.

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

**7:10 PM – Conservation Commission with The Vermont Land Trust – Conservation Easement Draft of the Eaton parcel** – (Note: There was no Conservation Members Present) – Ms. Walker from the Vermont Land Trust started the discussion off with a draft easement for the Eaton Parcel. The Conservation Commission had brought this to the Selectboard back in September and this was one point in the Management Plan describing the restrictions, timber management, and uses of the property. The Commission moved forward and asked the Vermont Land Trust to prepare a draft easement. Ms. Walker presented a map of the parcel to the board explained that the areas defined as the hatched out sections would allow the town more flexibility with the parcel. She explained the areas that would be restricted were the vernal pool where extra care would be given around that area and that there would be 100' restriction from taking any timber or vegetation from that area. This is a parcel that has a lot of conservation qualities. It is located near the Warren Elementary School, it provides trails on the property and it is the start of the path that eventually will extend to Moretown. Mr. Ackland inquired on why the Town should put an easement on their property. Ms. Walker commented that it is to conserve town owned forests in the Valley and that it provides a commitment by the Town to provide a layer of protection on the property from any development and protecting the resources it offers. Ms. Walker also pointed out that the Town put out a questionnaire regarding the town owned properties a few years ago and a majority of the answers that came back were that people wanted to keep the property conserved. Mr. Ackland commented that the Town bought the property for \$130,000 and that it must have been bought for a reason. Mr. Simpson commented that it was bought from the Eaton family with a proposed housing plan and that the Town could use it for an affordable housing site. However, this all went away as far as development and affordable house. Mr. Montgomery asked about the advantages, financial, legal to the town. He did agree that setting aside part of the parcel as Town forest. Ms. Walker commented that there was no tax advantage, legally the town is free to sell the property but the easements would follow it. The main reason it for the easement was for the conservation and recreational use it provides. Mr. Cunningham inquired if the Planning Commission had any direction on it. Mr. Klofach commented that they have no direction on it but were concerned about losing control of the development rights. Mr. Ackland was still concerned about giving up rights to an asset the town owns and could manage itself. Mr. Klofach commented is it possible to define an exclusion zone on the property that still would allow the Town rights to development rights and how big should the exclusion zone be. In closing, Mr. Cunningham suggested that some members of the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Conservation Commission and Ms. Walker walk the property. The Selectboard deferred this to the Planning Commission for discussion and look ahead for other uses before proceeding with the easement.

**7:55 PM – George Robinson – Road Concerns – Retaining Wall Concern by Mr. Montgomery’s Driveway-** Mr. Robinson inquired of the Selectboard why the Town was using Town resources to fix a culvert headwall that he thought was a private driveway problem. Mr. Cunningham commented that Mr. Weston had called him to look at this prior working on it. The Town has a culvert that goes under the road and comes out by an exposed headwall that had collapsed and they both felt that it was a Town issue and fixed only the headwall to prevent further damage down the Plunkton Road. Mr. Simpson looked at it and it was his opinion that the driveway needed a culvert and that the Town could dig the existing ditch out up to Brower’s about 100 feet but the work done by the Town helps to protect the Town road. Mr. Robinson still disagreed and thanked the board for their time.

**8:15 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson – Bids on Split Rail Fence at Riverside Park –** Mr. Simpson presented to Mr. Cunningham the three bids that he received from contractors. Mr. Ackland commented that before the board considers the bids that the Selectboard needs to give Mr. Simpson some direction on the Park for completion. Mr. Ackland felt that he did not want award one piece until a complete plan for restoration of the park was presented and an overall cost. Mr. Simpson commented that his thoughts for completion were that the fence needed repair, level the 2 piles of gravel out on the driveway coming into the park, yolk rake the area as there are lots of racks that need to be picked. Then add more grass seed and hay. The current status is that it cannot be mowed as it is. Mr. Cunningham also commented that Mr. Simpson would want to check in with The Friends of the Mad River concerning the tree plantings as well. Mr. Simpson commented that he had spoken with LaRock Property Management about the rock issue and they had suggested yolk raking it and picking stones. Mr. Elliott commented that you should use a harley rake for that type of job. Mr. Elliott also commented that the Town resources should be directed on other road projects. Mr. Cunningham suggested that Mr. Simpson talk with Mr. Weston to see if the road crew had time to do this work.

**8:30 PM – Town Sign Proposal by Wood & Wood –** Ms. Jones received from Wood & Wood a cost estimate on repairing the wooden signs. Mr. Cunningham noticed that the sign at the north end of Town was not included. He suggested that Mr. Simpson go around and look at the signs individually and decide on what ones really need to be fixed or touched up and come back to the board with a recommendation.

**8:40 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Slide Brook Tavern –** Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the liquor license renewal application for Slide Brook Tavern, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:45 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Chez Henri –** Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license renewal for the Chez Henri, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:50 PM – Approval of Warrants –** Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the warrants as presented for \$90,466.64, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**9:00 PM –** Motion by Ackland to go into executive session regarding real estate and invite Ms. Jones and Mr. Simpson, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

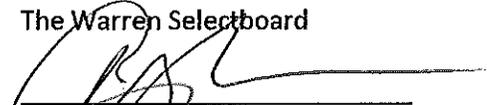
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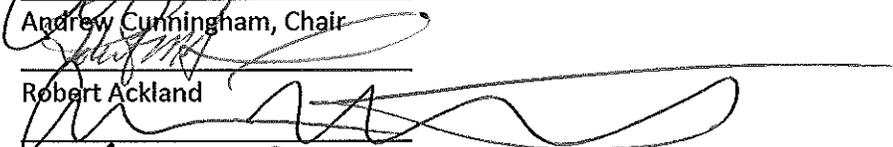
9:10 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to come out of executive session, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

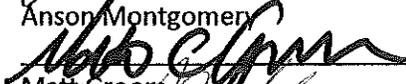
9:15 PM - Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

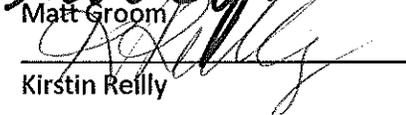
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