

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
7:00 PM
Warren Municipal Building

- ✓ 7:00 PM – Green Mountain National Forest Mutual Aid Provision with the Warren Fire Dept –Chris Schow, Fire Management Officer.
- ✓ 7:25 PM – Constables – Should They Be Allowed to Carry A Gun? (Meeting Request at Town Meeting)
- ✓ 7:45 PM – Approval of Minutes for March 8, 2011 & March 22, 2011
- ✓ 7:47 PM – Approval of Town Meeting Minutes
- ✓ 7:50 PM – Approval of Liquor License Renewal for The Common Man, 3902 German Flats Rd, Warren, VT
- ✓ 7:53 PM – approval of Liquor License Renewal for Cori Ridge, Inc, (Sugarlodge), Sugarbush Access Road, Warren, VT.
- ✓ 7:54 PM – Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Sugarbush Restaurants, Inc. The General Store, The Valley House, Allyn's Lodge, The Gate House, Timbers, Hogan's Pub, Sugarbush Inn, Sunrise Café.
- ✓ 7:55 PM – Liquor License Renewal - Two Romans, LLC, Hostel Tevere – Powderhound Road, Warren, VT
Liquor License Renewal - Chez Henri, Inc.
- ✓ 7:57 PM – Approval of Warrants – Accounts Payable of the Town of Warren
3/29 - \$26,768.07, 3/28 - \$9,705.98 411 - 8,836.15, 415 - 35,924.76
414 - 8515.34
- 8:00 PM – Other Business

Minutes of April 12, 2011
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Members Present: Andy Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Kirstin Reilly & Anson Montgomery.

Members Absent: Matt Groom

Others Present: Rudy Elliott, Jim, TV 44/45, Chris Schow, (Green Mountain National Forest Service), John Goss, Butch Hartshorn, Peter DeFreest, Tom Eid, Gene Bifano, Jeff Campbell, Cindi Jones.

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

7:01 PM – Green Mountain National Forest Mutual Aid Provision with the Warren Fire Dept – Chris Schow, Fire Management Officer.

Mr. Schow started the discussion off by introducing himself and providing background on the Mutual Aid Fire Agreements. Most of the agreements were signed back in the 1970's and the new agreements require more information to process federal funds to pay for the Warren Fire Dept's time and trucks if needed in a forest fire incident. Currently the old agreement states that if Warren was to respond to a forest fire, they would not be reimbursed for their services and that the guidelines were up to the federal requirements. Mr. DeFreest inquired about the communication clause. Mr. Schow commented that they are working with Mr. Larz Lund at the State to be able to communicate and use their frequencies. The forest service would program Warren's frequency into their radios to communicate to the Warren Fire Dept. Mr. Montgomery was concerned about the provision of ACH transactions directly to the Town and providing that financial information. Mr. Schow commented that most all federal funds are electronically sent to the participating town. The Town can request a written check; it just takes longer to process. Mr. DeFreest inquired what a type 3 engine is. Mr. Schow responded that it is an engine that can carry 300 gallons of water and pump so much a minute. Mr. Hartshorn inquired on why the Green Mountain National Forest doesn't take care of their roads and bridges in the forest and they are gated. Mr. Schow commented that Warren would call the district office and someone would respond with a key to the gate to allow access to the area. Mr. Schow also commented that the Green Mountain National Forest has and is doing timber management in certain areas. The Green Mountain National Forest prefers to be on scene and work with the fire dept to manage the fire and to provide safety operations to ensure that the fire dept is protected and properly geared up for a situation. Mr. DeFreest also inquired on item 19 "burn area". Mr. Schow responded that the Forest Service would contact the town clerk or fire chief if they were doing any controlled burns in the forest. Mr. DeFreest also inquired about item 17, fire prevention activities. Mr. Schow commented that the Green Mountain National Forest would provide materials such as posters, Smokey the bear for presentations to schools, and a representative of the forest service at no cost to the department or town. Mr. Schow also commented that in some towns are getting together to provide a community wild fire protection plan. This type of plan involves the town and what they would like to see the Green Mountain National Forest work on. Mr. Hartshorn inquired about the meaning of wilderness areas. Mr. Schow responded that it is an area where there is a footprint of human activity but is not noticed. From a fire standpoint: the Green Mountain National Forest evaluates, looks at safety, and manages the fire accordingly. Mr. Hartshorn also inquired that if it was true that the forest service did not allow hunting on the wilderness areas.

Mr. Schow commented that he did not think that was true and for a more precise answer to call Mr. Greg Smith, the Rochester District Ranger for confirmation and to inquire about the maintenance of forest roads. In closing: the Warren Fire Dept and Town of Warren were in favor of signing and continuing the mutual aid agreement with the National Forest Service.

8:00 PM – Constables – Should they be allowed to carry a gun? At the request of a few taxpayers at town meeting, a public hearing agenda item was warned at the Warren Selectboard's April 12th meeting. Mr. Bifano started the discussion off with a little background that he had attended the police academy and has done all the requirements except for the 60 hours with a certified law enforcement official. Currently the VSP or the Washington County Sheriff's Dept, do not think that it is their departments responsibility. Mr. Campbell will be attending the police academy training in August. Currently the Washington County Sheriff's dept has invited the Constables to attend training sessions on fire arm training. Mr. Ackland inquired if both the Constables had a clear sense of what their responsibilities are. Both of the Constables know what the statutory requirements are presently. The VSP has asked them in several occasions to assist them in a few incidents such as car accidents, burglaries and domestic assaults. Much of which both Constables have felt comfortable and they both communicate with each other so that there is not just one person going. Mr. Cunningham summed up that there are three parts to this: Proficiency, class training and physiological testing. Currently the Town relies on the police academy to qualify, certify, and test the individual to see if they meet all the criteria. Mr. Cunningham asked if Mr. Ackland and Mr. Montgomery would be willing to write up a job description and manual for the Constable position. They both agreed to do.

Mr. Montgomery wanted to thank both Mr. Bifano and Mr. Campbell for stepping up to take on the required training and other requirements for being a Constable. Mr. Ackland commented that The Town was lucky to have two such individuals wanting to be constables as long as the town was not putting them in harm's way. Mr. Ackland commented that he had no problem with them carrying a gun for protection. He was concerned that the Town had not defined the role or responsibilities for the Constables. Ms. Reilly agreed with Mr. Ackland, if the Constables have had the training and feels comfortable in carrying a gun then they should be able to.

8:50 PM – Other Business – Department of Public Works, Barry Simpson

Engineering Proposals for The Sugarbush Access Road – Mr. Simpson presented to the board the three proposals for engineering on the Access Road for the paving article. They were: Bannon Engineering, Newton Technical Engineering, and Marsh Engineering. Newton Technical Engineering declined in quoting on the project. In comparing the two: Bannon Engineering's proposal had more scope of work and seemed to be an all inclusive bid. Marsh Engineering's proposal was based on time and materials. Mr. Montgomery commented that liked Bannon Engineering's quote. Mr. Ackland commented he had no preference, but leaned toward Bannon Engineering. Ms. Reilly had no preference and Mr. Cunningham commented that he compared both and liked Bannon Engineering.

Ms. Jones inquired on what account payment would be paid from. Mr. Cunningham commented that the engineering and boring cost were part of the \$375,000 paving article approved at town meeting.

Mr. Cunningham also commented that he would like see energy efficiency grant work moving along and the East Warren Park & Ride to Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Simpson also inquired about the two pending road access permits: Plewak and the one off German Flats Road. The board all agreed that each one of them would go by both road access cuts and look at them to make a decision at the next April Selectboard Meeting, April 26, 2011. Mr. Ackland declined in looking at the German Flats Road cut.

9:25 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to award the engineering contract for the Sugarbush Access Road Project, to Bannon Engineering, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0 Ms. Reilly abstained from voting.

9:35 PM – Approval of March 8, 2011 Minutes – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the minutes of March 8, 2011, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:36 PM – Approval of March 22, 2011 Minutes – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2011, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:37 PM – Approval of Town Meeting Minutes for 2011 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Town Meeting Minutes for 2011, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:40 PM – Approval of Warrants – Accounts Payable for The Town of Warren – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the warrants as presented, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:45 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Chez Henri, Inc – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the liquor license renewal for Chez Henri, Inc, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:47 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Two Romans, LLC, Hostel Tevere – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the liquor license renewal for Two Romans, LLC Hostel Tevere, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:49 PM – Approval of Liquor License for The Common Man – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license renewal for The Common Man, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:50 PM – Approval of liquor license for Cori Ridge Inc, (Sugarlodge) – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the liquor license renewal for Cori Ridge Inc, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:52 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Sugarbush Restaurants, Inc (The General Store, The Valley House, Allyn's Lodge, The Gate House, Timbers, Hogan's Pub, Sugarbush Inn, Sunrise Café) – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the liquor license renewals for Sugarbush Restaurants Inc, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:53 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss real estate and invite Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

10:05 PM – Motion to come out of executive session by Ms. Reilly, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to empower Ms. Jones to move forward with Giuliani to solve the Rodriguez suite with the Town Warren, Cemetery, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: Vote: 4-0.

10:05 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard:



Andrew Cunningham, Chair

Bob Ackland

Kirstin Reilly

Anson Montgomery

Matt Groom