

Agenda
September 25, 2012
Warren Selectboard
7:00 PM
Warren Municipal Building

7:00 PM – Mad River Valley Municipal Planning Grant Application – for: Undertake a baseline economic analysis of the Mad River Valley (Waitsfield, Warren & Fayston) that will identify data sources, develop a set of indicators, and create a replicable methodology. – Craig Klofach

7:15 PM – July 4th Close Out – Susan Klein – The Chamber

7:30 PM – Warren Fire Dept – Peter DeFreest – Check In

8:00 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson – Plunkton Road Update and Other Projects

8:15 PM – Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2012 & August 14, 2012

8:20 PM – Approval of Warrants As Presented

PIR - 22,683.32

8:30 PM – Other Business

AIP - 89,216.98

Agenda Subject to Change

AIP - School 1,607.178

Present: PC material (1 Public hearing,
Not less than 15 days
and No more than
120

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Matt Groom, Anson Montgomery & Kirstin Reilly (7:25pm).

Other Guests: Rudy Elliott, John Goss, Peter DeFrest, Craig Klofach, Kate Warner, Margo Wade, George Schenk, Susan Klein, Damon Reed, Jim (TV 44/45), Rachel Goff (VR), Barry Simpson, Robin Bleier, and Cindi Jones.

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

7:10 PM – Mad River Valley Planning Grant Application – This is the same grant that Planning District applied for last year but did not receive it. The grant is to hire a consultant to undertake a baseline economic analysis of the Mad River Valley (Waitsfield, Warren & Fayston) that will identify data sources, develop a set of indicators and create a replicable methodology of economic development. The grant is for \$15,000 and will benefit all the towns, but will focus on Waitsfield. The Warren Planning Commission is in favor of the application and Warren is the lead town for the financial piece of the grant as Waitsfield does not have an approved Town Plan. The Planning District will be doing all of the grant paperwork and requirements and Warren will be responsible for the financial piece if awarded.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the grant application, second by Mr. Montgomery.
All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0. (Ms. Reilly was absent from the vote)

Mr. Klofach also presented to the board for review proposed changes to the Warren land Use and Development Regulations which primarily addresses changes to Planned Unit Development. Copy attached and on the warren website. It changes references changes to the PUD (Planned Unit Development) and PRD (Planned Residential Development) combining it into mixed use and adding a density bonus. The Planning Commission has already had their required hearing and received no comments. It now has come to the Selectboard for their review and approval. The requirement calls for the Selectboard to hold a public hearing not less than 15 days and no more than 120 days from the receipt of the proposal for the Planning Commission. The public hearing will be Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

Other check in items: Mr. Klofach commented that later on in the year there will some small changes such as abbreviations Chapter 10, a small tweak on the Access Road and effluvial erosion. All scheduled for sometime in November.

7:25 PM – July 4th Close Out – Susan Klein – Chamber – Ms. Klein Presented to the board the financials of expenses and income for this year's 4th of July along with the budget for the last 7 years. Ms. Klein felt that the numbers would be up next year as the 4th would be on a Thursday. It was a nice day with no incidents except one at the Brooks Recreational Field that was handled. Ms. Klein kept within her budget. Ms. Klein is still in search of an organization or individuals who would like to take over the 4th for the next year. Ms. Klein inquired if the board received any feedback from the event.

Mr. Cunningham had heard that residents on Luce Pierce Road had some complaints. Ms. Klein commented that they should get in touch with her and she could issue passes or do something to help remedy that area problem. Mr. Montgomery had heard from a few landowners that people were swimming along the river. Ms. Klein commented that she does not have any control over that and Mr. Cunningham commented that the state owns the rivers and not the property owners. Mr. Ackland inquired about the gate revenue and thoughts on that. Ms. Klein commented that the volunteers that do the gate make every effort to try to ask for a donation of \$1.00 from people who come into the parade. It is a donation to give or not. Revenue was down from the gate again, because the event was on a Wednesday. The board thanked Ms. Klein for all her efforts and work on the event and following up with wrap up.

Chamber & Mad River Riders Support Letter – Mr. Cunningham presented a support letter to the Chamber and the Mad River Riders in support of their grant for continue trails and maintenance on the trails at Blueberry Lake on the Green Mountain National Forest. Mr. Cunningham signed the letter and the board was in support of the group to continue to promote recreational opportunities.

7:25 PM – Warren Fire Department – Peter DeFreest – Mr. DeFreest presented to the board an estimated cost of sending E1 out for refurbishing. The cost estimate was about \$130,000 and the truck would probably go for another 10-20 years. The cost for a new truck would come around \$400,000-\$500,000. The issue with E1 is the plumbing system is all cast iron piping that is rotting out and is leaking. They temporarily have it patched up. The truck would be gone for about 3 months either to E1 in Florida or to Hamburg NY. In the interim they could possibly lease or rent a truck. The refurbishing would be all stainless steel. The next truck in the department is the 1994 that also has the iron piping that would probably have to go out in another year as well. Ms. Reilly inquired if the department had looked at possibly trading in two and getting one? Mr. DeFreest commented that could be possibility. Mr. Ackland commented that the Fire Dept. should consider of getting an independent evaluation of all the trucks and see what makes since financially and economically for continued public safety. Mr. DeFreest also inquired what the board wanted to do regarding insurance values. Mr. Cunningham commented that they should be book value. The board directed Mr. DeFreest to pursue the independent evaluation and come back to the board on the recommendations. They all agreed that something would need to be done to assure public safety and for the fireman's safety.

Also, Mr. DeFreest apprised the board that all the town buildings are on a conserve water allocation. The cistern that the spring feeds is only about ½ full with the low water from the lower. The spring services the church, the fire station, the municipal building and the town hall. Mr. Cunningham also directed Mr. Klofach of the Planning Commission that they should be figuring this into the municipal complex plan.

7:45 PM – Department of Public Works – Barry Simpson –

Inferno Road Culvert – Kingsbury completed the job Monday. The estimate was for \$7,500 with \$325 per yard flowable fill. They used 8 cubic yards of flowable fill for a total of \$2,600. They had completed part of the project last year for about \$2,300 for stabilization from Irene.

Plunkton Road Bridge – Footings have been completed and the pedestal will be completed Thursday. Project still on completion date of November 1 and they will be out of the stream by October 15th. Mr. Simpson reported that there were two extra culverts included in the plans but were not included in the materials schedule. The Town would have to purchase them and Dubois would put them in. However, the board directed Mr. Simpson to go back to Dubois and King, project engineers and that they should have to cover errors and omissions. Mr. Simpson indicated he would ask Evan Detrick from Dubois and King about this.

Groom Wall – Mr. Simpson also reported that the Groom wall has been completed.

Other Business:

Conservation Commission – The Conservation members came to the board to inquire if the Selectboard would approve an article about the Eaton Parcel Easement to be included in the November election. The Conservation Commission had received a letter from the PC as did the Selectboard indicating that Planning Commission was not in favor of putting an easement on the property by the Vermont Land Trust. Mr. Reed commented that there was a grant that would be paying for this from Open Spaces and it would not cost the town anything. Mr. Ackland disagreed that it would be costing the town as it is an asset. Mr. Cunningham commented that the best place for a town vote would be at town meeting so that it could be discussed and that people would know what issue is and for what they are voting for. Mr. Montgomery also commented that it would give the Conservation Commission a chance to hold public warned meetings to inform the people of what the issue is. The Conservation Commission felt that the November election would generate more people. Mr. Groom commented that he did not feel that people would know what they were actually voting for and agreed the best place for an article would be at Town Meeting. The Commission also wanted to set up a Saturday meeting in the near future to walk the parcel with the Selectboard and the Planning Commission. They would send around dates to the members.

Sugarbush Letter – Follow up on the Town Parcel used for soil storage – Sugarbush sent a letter to the Town thanking them for the use of the Town Parcel for storage of materials from the snow making pond. The parcel has been cleaned up, seeded and restored to its natural state as per guidelines from the board. They also wanted to commend the Selectboard, the Road Crew and many other town officers and employees for their time and for the hard work necessary to repair town roads and infrastructure and for supporting property owners impacted by Irene.

Town report Committee – Mr. Cunningham also announced that we are looking for a town report committee to do the town report. Anyone interested should contact Ms. Jones.

Gorman – Gorman has finished up the patching required from the hole by the bridge at Cider Hill. Mr. Elliott commented that they did not fill the holes by Breakaway Farm. Mr. Cunningham would take a look at it.

Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the warrants as presented for \$89,216.98, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Approval of Minutes for August 14, 2012 – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2012, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0 (Mr. Ackland & Mr. Groom were absent from this meeting).

Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2012 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2012, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0 (Mr. Montgomery & Ms. Reilly were absent from this meeting).

Community Block Funding Grant – Mr. Ackland mentioned from the Steering Committee, that there are funds available from flood recovery projects with a large part being allocated to Washington County. Much of the money is distributed in 4 different pots. Ms. Jones attended the training last week on this and currently Warren does not have anything that needs to be done with roads or infrastructure.

Vermont League Cities & Towns – Mr. Montgomery is scheduled to go and represent the town. Mr. Ackland also commented that if anyone had any comments regarding the proposed municipal policy that they should let Mr. Montgomery know. There are some things that will be passed down to the towns with an impact.

8:45 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session for personnel and invite Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Groom to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:30 PM – Motion by Mr. Groom to adjourn, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

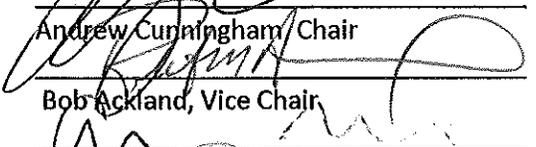
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Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

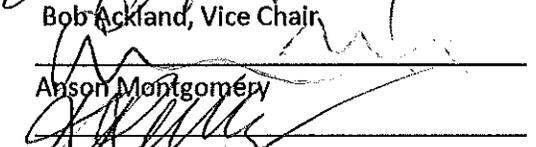
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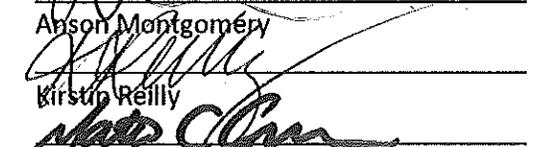
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