

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
October 22, 2013
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

7:00 PM - Revisions to the Warren Land Use and Development Regulations – The purpose of this continued public hear is to accept public comment and consider administrative approval of the adoption of a Fluvial Erosion Hazard Overlay – Continuation form September 24, 2013
Selectboard Meeting

7:30 PM – Energy Committee Check In –

8:00 PM – Niles Behn -Aegis Renewable Energy Solar Panels Financial Options – Brooks Field

8:30 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson
Water System Municipal Complex
School Parking lot Bank Problem

8:45 PM – Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2013 15,312.78

8:50 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants 147,543.31

8:55 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants

9:00 PM – Other Business

Mad. River Path License Agreement
Pine Street Pub Liquor License

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

Members Absent: Anson Montgomery.

Others Present: Nils Behn, Callie Willis, TV 44/45, Bob Baron, Barry Simpson, Craig Klofach, Rudy Elliott, Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom, Rachel, VR, and Cindi Jones.

7:05 PM – Meeting called to order.

7:06 PM - Revisions to the Warren Land Use and Development Regulations – The purpose of this continued public hear is to accept public comment and consider administrative approval of the adoption of a Fluvial Erosion Hazard Overlay – Continuation form September 24, 2013 Selectboard Meeting.

Mr. Klofach from the Warren Planning Commission provided the board with a map showing the Roth Property that Ms. Roth had concerns about the effluvial erosion zone. Mr. Klofach and Mr. Malboeuf visited the site and defined the zoning setbacks and the effluvial erosion zone. The new effluvial erosion regulations would not impact the Roth property as show on the map. The current zoning regulations have more of an impact on her property at present. The Planning Commission will provide the text changes and map at the final hearing in November.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to accept the changes and hold a final public hearing on November 12, 2013, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

V-Data – Creating a Vision for The Future – Mr. Klofach reported that the consultants had relatively a good turnout of the public present at their meetings. They were here to look at the economic factors of Warren and had separate meetings with the Warren Store and Pitcher Inn. The report showed that Warren is healthy economically, but it needs the tourism. They looked at the municipal complex plan and reworked it but Warren Village is good as it is, but needs to attract small service types of business for the local people.

Central Vermont Planning Commission – Mr. Klofach reported that the merger with Economic Development did not pass with a vote of 11 against, 10 for and 1 abstained from voting. The larger Towns were for the merger, where the smaller towns were not for it.

7:30 PM – Energy Committee Check in – Bob Baron – Mr. Baron gave the board an overview on what they have been doing. They have a web site that is found on the Town website at energy.warrenvt.org. That people can visit. They have been actively promoted the Home Energy Challenge and have 5 signed up currently out of 18. They also held a home weatherization workshop in April and had about 20 people attend and have at the Warren Library the kill-a-watt loaner meters that can be used by people to check their every day appliances that may be using a lot of electricity. They have attended the Planning Commission meetings on discussions of a wind policy and are happy to see the Selectboard look at solar and future projects.

The group will move forward reviewing past projects and future energy projects. Determine specific goals, efforts and programs to assist in expanding the Town Plan related to energy. The committee would also like to see on the Town Meeting Warning the PACE Program – Property Assessed Clean Energy Program. The board did not feel that from the past information on the PACE program that they had enough information to add to the warning. The last development was that the PACE program did not have any financial funds to encourage people to sign on to the program. Mr. Cunningham suggested that they ask Mr. Schwartz, from the Mad River Planning District, to add them to the Selectboard Summit Meeting. Waitsfield is currently in the program and could provide feedback on how the program is working. Currently Fayston and Warren do not participate a PACE district.

8:00 PM – Niles Behn – Aegis Renewable Energy Solar Panels Leasing Options – Mr. Behn presented to the board various leasing options. Mr. Behn looked at the larger array from the 100 KW to 150KW included in the price would be the over head line extension from the Warren School. Mr. Behn was presenting the cash reduction of operations only and not the cash out. Mr. Ackland wanted to see the cash out projections. The 150KW field would be broken up into two arrays, one along the road of the Brooks Field near the softball field and the other in the field located near the Path. There would be 484 panels instead of the 330 for the 100KW and excess generation could be raffled off to a taxpayer. The lease Mr. Behn is presenting is just for leasing the equipment. With ACT 60/68 the schools electric would be 100% paid and the Town would have 99% paid of its electrical power with the 150KW array. It would take about 4 months to get the solar array commission. Ms. Jones inquired about warranty. Mr. Behn commented that the parts are warranty for 20 years. After the lease is over, the town could contract with Aegis Renewable for a service contract or higher it out to another company. Ms. Kyle inquired about insurance and who was responsible. Mr. Behn commented that it would be on the town's insurance policy but the cost is figured into the cash flow of the lease. Mr. Behn will rework the financial numbers showing the cash out and if the Town bonded for the project. Ms. Jones would contact the VT Bond Bank for information.

8:45 PM – Dept. of Public Works – Barry Simpson –
Municipal Water System – Mr. Simpson presented to the board as requested by Mr. Cunningham a schematic of the flow of the water system. To get to the system, you have to crawl through a cement concrete 2' tube that has piping and electrical running through it. The source is at the bottom of the cistern accessed by a ladder that is no longer there. The town could possibly put a riser in the parking lot through the same hole to eliminate crawling down into the spring. However, it is located under the parking lot and would not be ideal for plowing. Mr. Simpson also contacted Aldrich and Elliot asking questions regarding setbacks from the cemetery for drilling a new well. Mr. Aldrich commented that he did not know, but suggested a hydrological study be done around the area for location of wells and depths. This would cost about \$5000-\$7,000. All the town buildings currently do have bottle water as it is not potable to drink. Mr. Cunningham commented that the town could check with Mark Bannon, Bannon Engineer, as he researched an affordable housing project up in the cemetery and may have the information the Town is looking for to drill another well, or drill in the same hole as present.

9:10 PM – Mr. Simpson reported that Farr's Tree Service came and removed the trees that were down in the school bank washout. Mr. Simpson has asked several contractors on their opinion of what to do. Mr. Simpson indicated that the culvert could be extended out and a rock line swale for the water to drop into. Mr. Ackland inquired if Mr. Simpson had talked with Mr. Weston.

Mr. Simpson commented that Mr. Weston suggested filling in the slope with ditch fill and build it back up to the culvert to add the stone. Also, Mr. Weston suggested you could dig a trench swale between the lot and the edge and stone line it. Mr. Simpson did indicated that culvert to the drop inlet is rusted in the bottom and would need to be replaced. Mr. Cunningham suggested digging back to the drop inlet, replacing the culvert and adding rock under the culvert for a short term fix.

9:30 PM – Gregg Schipa Letter – Mr. Schipa sent a letter to the board requesting adding some plantings and cleaning up the stone stairs running west at the Town Park and Ride lot. Mr. Ackland commented that as long as the town is not exposed as a liability, then he could proceed with the plantings. Ms. Mays inquired if improving the site; you would draw more attention to the area. Mr. Simpson commented that the stone stairs have been there since the old town garage burned down and that there is really not swimming area there for people to access. Mr. Simpson would get in touch with Mr. Schipa and give him the ok from the board.

9:45 PM – Other Business:

Safe Routes to School Speed Limit signs – The board would like to see the signs set to work from 7:00AM-7:00PM 7 days a week.

The Path – The Path Association has started clearing the Path and getting it ready.

9:47 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Pine Street Pub - Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Liquor License for Pine Street Pub, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:49 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$147,543.31, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:50 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$15, 312.78, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:55 PM – Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2013 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2013, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

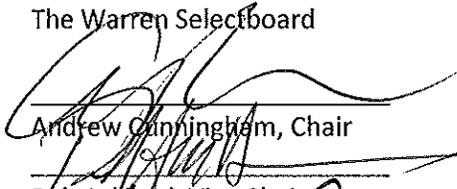
10:00 PM Motion by Mr. Ackland to go into executive session inviting Ms. Jones, to discuss personnel, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

10:08 PM – Motion by Mr. Groom to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

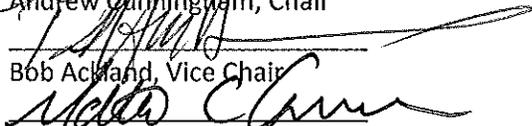
10:10PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



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The Select Board
Warren, Vermont

Dear Select Board,

We recently discovered the stone stairs running west on what I believe is Town property, from the Park & Ride down to the river.

If the board doesn't mind, we would like to suggest we find a few volunteers to help us clean up the steps, the landing, and eventually, even the whole site.

At that point perhaps we could approach the Garden Club about help in doing some planting. We would be happy to donate some plants, and others have expressed interest as well.

We would hope it might even be possible for us to find donations for a bench where residents and visitors alike could sit, overlooking the river.

Obviously, this would cost the Town nothing, with the possible exception of the removal of two trees that are presently fallen and hanging precariously.

Please let us know, if you would, if we may tackle this project. [We have spoken to Barry Simpson, as well].

Thank you,
Gregory and Carolynn Schipa

Town of Warren Select Board Meeting

Energy Committee Update

October 22, 2013

1. Review of Activities this year (so far)

- a. Web Site (<http://energy.warrenvt.org>)
- b. Home Energy Challenge
- c. Valley Reporter Articles (~2 dozen)
- d. Home Weatherization Workshop (April 27th)
- e. Farmers Markets Booth
- f. Hand-outs in Public Places
- g. Kill-A-Watt Loaner Program through Warren Library 6

2. Planning Board

- a. Wind Policy
 - i. Happy to see Energy on minds of many folks!
 - ii. Believe that there are higher priorities, but all progress is good!
- b. Brooks Field Solar Project
 - i. Two thumbs up!
 - ii. Hope this is first of many
 - iii. Want to ensure competitive due diligence

3. Up Next: Focus on Municipal Efficiency and Conservation

- a. Assist in Review of Past Projects and Future Planning
- b. Determine Specific Goals, Efforts, Programs
- c. Assist in expanding Town Plan related to Energy

4. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program

- a. The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program is a way of financing energy efficient home improvements by borrowing money and tying the payments to a property rather than the owner. PACE financing payments can be transferred to a new homeowner at any time, including before the assessment has been paid off.
- b. In order to participate in the PACE program, your home must be in a town that has formally adopted a program. Provide Information and Education (<http://efficiencyvermont.com/pace>)
- c. Schedule PACE representatives or other experienced folks to come to future Select Board Meeting
- d. Work toward formal adoption at Town Meeting Day 2014