

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

- ✓ 7:00 PM – Safe Routes to School Feasibility Study Public Comment on Side Walks for Main Street, Brook Road & School Road – Kirstin Reilly, Greg Goyette Stantic (Consultant for VTRANS on this project)
- ✓ 7:30 PM – Planning Grant Approval with Valley Towns for a baseline economic analysis of the of the Mad River Valley that will identify data sources, develop a set of indicators, and create a replicable methodology - Joshua Schwartz – Mad River Valley Planning District
- ✓ 8:00 PM – Dirt and Gravel Pile on Town owned parcel of land by Kingsbury's Bridge – Discussion with Sugarbush, expectations and plans?
- ✓ 8:30 PM – Roads Status – Sugarbush Access Road?
- 8:45 PM – Approval of Warrants *Warren Pro - mad River Turkey Trot*
\$69,564.24
- 9:00 PM - Approval of Minutes for 9/13, 9/27 and October 11.
- 9:15 PM – Other Business
 - ✓ *Roots work - sub lease changes*
 - ✓ *Lister Authorization on Appeal*
 - ✓ *Andy - Leonard Robinson will be comming in to talk about Munkton RD*

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Kirstin Reilly & Anson Montgomery.

Members Absent: Matt Groom, Vice Chair

Others Present: Gregg Goyette, Stantec, Chris Gendron, Stantec, Ray & Marcella Gratton, Keith Perelli, Margo Wade, Rudy Elliott, Marilyn Miller, Kate Burn, Craig Klofach, Lisa Miserendino, Kara, (VR), Tim & Grace Holter, Tim Seniff, Quayle Rewinski, John Connell, Kinny Perot, Alice Cheney, Barry Simpson, Dan Raddock, John Hammond, Lenord Robinson, Lucy O'Brien, Josh Schwartz, Brendon & Chrissie Gilhuly & Cindi Jones.

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

7:06 PM – Safe Routes to School Feasibility Study Public comment on sidewalks for Main Street, Brook Road & School Road – Ms Reilly started off the discussion by giving the public an overview of the Safe Routes to School Grant project and the history of it. Mr. Goyette from Stantec provided the purpose and need for the project, reviewed alternative alignments and potential impacts. The purpose of the project is to mitigate hazardous school travel zones within the Village as identified in the School Travel Plan by construction of sidewalks along Main St., Brook Road, and School Road. The construction would remove a primary barrier to walking/biking to school, promote healthier lifestyles, and decrease resident's reliance on automobiles. The need was pointed out that Warren Village roads are narrow and are the main thoroughfare for large delivery trucks and construction vehicles. There are no sidewalks or paths in the Village leading up to the Warren School. Over the years, the speed and volume of traffic have increased. The lack of adequate sidewalks/paths and the increased traffic volumes and speed make the roads feel unsafe to parents of young pedestrians and bicyclists. Mr. Goyette then went step by step of draft drawings and the impacts of the sidewalks to residents as drafted. Questions were asked about the following: How wide is the sidewalk: 5' to meet the ADA law, maintenance, costs of project, design, whether concrete or something else could be used. Concerns mentioned was that the current draft did not fit the character of the historic village, making Brook Road appear wider with the potential of increasing speed and why Flat Iron was not considered. Also storm water impacts along with the extra snow from sidewalks. Many along Brook Road felt that there was a better alternative than concrete and the owners of the property could work together to create a gravel type path possibly. Ms. Burn inquired on how many use the sidewalk? Ms. Reilly commented about 15 students would use it. Mr. Goyette pointed out that the cost would include design and construction costs only and would not include any town maintenance costs. Ms. Cheney commented that she would like to see this go to a town vote. To sum up the points: Mr. Goyette would go back and come up with other alternatives, such as; meet with historic preservation and the residents for another alternative along Brook Road, propose a plan for Flat Iron and come back to present at another public hearing.

8:15 PM – Roads Status – Barry Simpson – Access Road: Base pavement complete, guardrail complete, headwalls complete, some headwalls have too much gravel Whitcomb will remove. The top coat, aprons, and shoulders scheduled for end of this week weather permitting. Mr. Cunningham inquired if Mr. Simpson had discussed the penalty clause if not finished by the date. Mr. Simpson indicated that he had discussed this with Chad Pearce of Whitcomb and that Mr. Bannon would reiterate this to them as well. All excess material at the pavilion will be taken to the town pit.

Flat Iron – Completed and Covered Bridge Completed.

Plunkton Road Bridge: Mr. Simpson commented that he contacted Blow and Cote, a certified bridge contractor look at the bridge to propose a temporary fix for the winter for an estimate of around \$56,085 and the town would provide a backhoe to put the beam in place. Mr. Cunningham inquired if there were any other options such as a temporary bridge. Mr. Simpson had not looked at any other or bridge options.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery to authorize Blow & Cote to proceed working on the Plunkton Road Bridge, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Brook Road – The engineer has looked at the road and the three sites that were marked out along with the 3 debris fields. The Town can expect a price in a few days and Mr. Simpson will send out to Kingsbury Construction, Dubois Construction, JP Sicard and E.A. Grandfield for cost estimates.

Other Business:

Lister Appeal Authorization – Mr. Blair, Lister, has requested that Warren Selectboard authorize him to represent the town in negotiations in a tax appeal. – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to authorize Mr. Blair, Lister, to represent the Town in a tax appeal settlement, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

PC Approved draft of a proposed amendment to the Warren Land Use & Development Regulations - Ms. Jones presented to the Warren Selectboard the draft received from the Warren Planning Commission. The Warren Selectboard has 15-30 days to hold a public hearing on these proposed changes.

Rootswork addendum to the sub-lease – Rootswork presented to the board a copy of the proposed changes within house of the Rootswork and the sublease. The addendum states: that the East Warren Community Market and Rootswork will split the cost of the propane via installing two meters. The monthly rent from the store will be \$500 instead of \$600.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve addendum to change to the sub-lease, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

10:00 PM – Approval of Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the warrants as presented, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

10:05 PM – Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2011 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the minutes of September 13, 2011, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

10:07 PM – Approval of Minutes for September 27, 2011 – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the minutes of 9/27/2011, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

10:09 PM – Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2011 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the minutes of September 11, 2011, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Pace District: Mr. Ackland attended the Mad River Valley Energy Forum and would like to discuss this in the future.

10:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to adjourn, second by Mr. Ackland. 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

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For OCT 25

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To: Warren Selectboard c/o Cindi Jones
From: Joshua Schwartz
CC: Mike Ketchel, Miron Malboeuf
Date: October 5, 2011
Re: MRV Municipal Planning Grant Application

Memo

The Mad River Valley Planning District is attempting 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. This work will serve to measure the MRV's economic health in order to provide the groundwork for identifying growth inhibitors and establishing the foundation for location, type and scale of desired growth. The resultant information will have a MRV-wide scope, but will be utilized by individual towns through their respective planning functions.

MRVPD is preparing a grant application to hire a consultant to undertake the proposed MRV Economic through the VT Dept. of Economic, Housing & Community Development's Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) program. The MPG program is specifically targeting projects in FY12 that assist towns in meeting a new requirement passed by the VT Legislature in 2011 requiring Municipal Plans to include an economic development element. This is a consortia grant application (Towns of Warren & Fayston via MRVPD) for \$15k. No match is required. The application deadline is 10/31/11.

The Warren PC unanimously supported the constoria application at its 9/26/11 meeting, as did the Fayston PC on 10/3/11.

Per grant requirements, Warren would serve as the lead applicant. However, MRVPD is serving grant application preparation duties and would coordinate consultant selection, etc. The only official ongoing role that Warren would play is the financial side of grant administration.

As part of the application, the Warren and Fayston Selectboards are required to sign resolutions indicating interest in participating in the MPG program. A copy of the resolution will be provided prior to my visit at your 10/25/11 Selectboard meeting.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this project. Given the short timeline between my visit to the selectboard (10/25) and the grant deadline (10/31), it would be beneficial to receive comments asap.

- By Nov 18 the pile will put to bed for the winter. This will include application of a heavy layer of mulch and the silt fence surrounding the pile will be checked and repaired as needed.
- The Mad River Path parking lot will remain clear of project related material and the snowmaking pond section of the Mad River Path will be reopened for use.
- Next summer, once the majority of the material has been removed Sugarbush will regrade the storage site applying a 2 to 3 foot layer of silty loam. The site will then be seeded and mulched and left to revegetate. We will monitor the site for successful revegetation and will address areas that may require reapplication of seed.

We would like to thank the Town of Warren for being supportive of our efforts to repair the pond, especially in the immediate aftermath of Irene, and look forward to meeting with the Selectboard on Tuesday night.

Thanks,
- Margo

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The Mad River Valley is one of the top places to view fall foliage, according to Yankee Magazine.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cindi Jones [<mailto:cjones@warrenvt.org>]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 12:01 PM
To: zoning@warrenvt.org; Reta Goss; Elaine Fuller; Kara Herlihy; Alex Maclay; Michael Ketchel; Joshua Schwartz; Margo Wade
Subject: Agenda for October 25, 2011

Hi All,

Next week's agenda.

Cindi
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