

Agenda  
Warren Selectboard  
Tuesday, December 13, 2012  
7:00 PM  
Warren Municipal Building

7:00 PM – Roads Management Financial Projection of Prioritized Roads –The Roads Group

7:20 PM – Pace Program -

7:40 PM – Approval of Minutes for November 22, 2011 and December 5, 2011

7:45PM – Approval of Warrants

941,310.00

8:00 PM – Other Business

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**Members Present:** Bob Ackland, Anson Montgomery, and Kirstin Reilly (7:30pm), Matt Groom (7:25pm).

**Members Absent:** Andrew Cunningham

**Others Present:** Craig Klofach, Rudy Elliott, Jim (TV 44/45), Barry Simpson, Dotty Kyle, Eric Bratstrom, Ray Weston, & Cindi Jones.

**7:26 PM** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Groom, Vice Chair.

**7:30 PM** – Mr. Klofach started off addressing the board that the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and the Central VT Economic Development Corporation were voting on merging both entities into one to cut costs. The Warren Planning Commission was not in favor of this merge as the mission statement and other such details and specifics that would support such an endeavor have not been forthcoming. Currently, it would appear that both entities have separate agenda's concerning planning and economic concerns. Don LaHaye, Warren's Representative has taken a letter from the Planning Commission to present at that Central VT Regional Planning Commission meeting. The Warren Planning Commission is asking the Warren Selectboard to send a letter stating that they are not in favor of merge without further information.

Motion by Mr. Ackland that the Warren Selectboard sends a letter from the Town expressing their concern for this merger, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**9:25 PM – Road Management Program:** Mr. Ackland started the discussion that he had been tasked to form a committee on roads. The committee consisted of Mr. Ackland, Mr. Weston, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Jones. The committee has had several meetings on looking at all the roads for routine maintenance and prioritizing roads that are in need of attention on gravel roads and paving. The town purchased a program from the Maine VT Dept of Transportation for tracking road maintenance for budgeting. The program will enable the town to plan accordingly and keep track of the road maintenance. Mr. Weston went through all the roads that the groups prioritize for the next three years looking at paving and gravel projects. This gives the town a good starting point and picture of what it will take to get the roads back up to the standards. Mr. Groom commented that this was a good picture of the costs and a thanked the committee for their efforts to help provide information needed for budgeting. The Committee came up with a total estimated cost of \$565,761 for 2012, the 2013 estimated costs were \$659,000 and the estimated costs for 2014 were \$1,190,932. Most of this cost for 2014 is paving projects.

Mr. Elliott inquired about the Brook Road Project and why was the town getting involved with the contractor in finding stone suppliers closer for the project. He stated that the town signed a contract and the contractor was responsible for it and the town should not be involved. Mr. Ackland inquired of Mr. Simpson if the town would get a credit if the contractor found a closer stone quarry. Mr. Simpson stated that he did not know.

Mr. Simpson commented that stone was currently being trucked from a pit in Barre and it was costing more to haul the stone in. They were also looking into the Rochester Pit, but were concerned about the culvert on Route 100.

**8:05 PM – PACE Program – Eric Bratstrom and Dotty Kyle –** Mr. Bratstrom introduced to the board the PACE program. The program involves the town to issue a municipal bond that is paid back over 20 years. This loan program offers loans to people that want to do energy efficiency upgrades to their homes at a very low interest rate around 1-2%. The loan attaches to their mortgage and is independent of the state education tax. The maximum amount is up to \$30,000. There are 10 towns that have opted into the program. The board felt that they needed more information on this program before putting an article on the March Town Meeting Warning. They also suggested that there should be public hearings for the public to come and comment and ask questions. Mr. Bratstrom will email over the information for the board to review.

**8:20 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson:** Mr. Simpson introduced to the board the AOT plans for the paving of Route 100 and would like have the board support changes to the following intersections: Lincoln Gap Road, North Main Street/VT RTE 100, and Ellen Lane. Mr. Simpson presented the plan for Lincoln Gap and the board felt that the painted lines depicting the flow of traffic was not going to help in the winter and possibly an island should be present. At Ellen Lane, the state is making the narrower and pushing it more towards the south to help with visibility. Mr. Simpson commented that a row of trees and ledge should be removed. The Main Street/RTE 100 was presented with a "T" and removing the through lane. The board felt that there should be a public hearing for comments.

**Inferno Road Culvert:** Mr. Simpson presented to the board a proposal from Kingsbury Construction to stabilize the culvert to protect the road.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to accept the proposal from Kingsbury Construction for \$2,800.00, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: 4-0.

**9:05 PM – Approval of Minutes for November 22, and December 5<sup>th</sup> –** Minutes deferred until next meeting as there were not enough members present at both meetings to sign them.

**9:10 PM – Approval of Warrants –** Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the warrants as presented for \$941,310.00, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:15 PM –** Motion by Ms. Reilly to go into executive session to discuss personnel and invite Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:30 PM –** Motion by Mr. Montgomery to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:40 PM –** Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

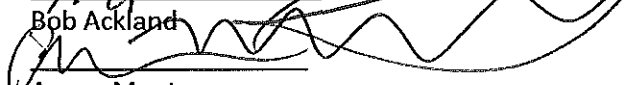
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Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

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