

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

- ✓ 7:00 PM – Mad Marathon – July 12, 2015 – Ian Sweet
- ✓ 7:15 PM - Belinda Norris – Usage of Covered Bridge, August 29, 2015 for Wedding
- ✓ 7:30 PM – Holly Knox – Green Mountain National Forest – Blueberry Lake Project –Parking
- ✓ 7:40 PM - Municipal Water System Up Date – Andrew Cunningham
- ✓ 7:54 PM – Department of Public Works Projects Update – Barry Simpson
- ✓ 7:55 PM -Grant agreement for Construction of parks on Flood-damage buyout property located at 1189 VT 100 – Signature required – Plan discussion – Fence, Rocks etc.....
- 8:00 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants \$ 110,588.47
- ✓ 8:05 PM – Conservation Commission – Up Date
- ✓ 8:15 PM – Other Business
 - ✓ Mountain Side Follow-UP \$ 42,774.65
 - Approval of Accounts Payable
 - ✓ Tax Anticipation Note

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Randy Graves, Luke Youmell, & Clay Mays.

Others Present: Damon Reed, Ian Sweet, Ari Sadri, Sam (TV 44/45), Rachel Goff, Holly Knox, Gene Bifano, George Schenk, Barry Simpson, Wendy Cox, Reta Goss, Elaine Fuller and Cindi Jones.

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

7:05 PM – Mad Marathon Road Use Permit – July 12, 2015 – Ian Sweet – Mr. Sweet came before the board to get permission to use and close Warren's Roads for the 5th annual Mad Marathon Race. The Course is the exactly the same as last year. Those roads would be: East Warren Road, Roxbury MT, Senor Road, Cross Road and Plunkton Road. Mr. Cunningham commented that their concern was that the people that are posted at the intersections allow the residents through with respect to get from and to their homes. Mr. Ackland commented that there should signs out at the base of roads showing the road closure period.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Road Use Permit for the Mad Marathon on July 12, 2015, second by Mr. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:15 PM – Belinda Norris – Usage of Covered Bridge, August 29, 2015 for a wedding – Mr. Sadri, General Manager, of the Pitcher Inn came to represent Ms. Norris. They would like to close the Covered Bridge Road on August 29 from 3-5PM. As they have done before there would be people at the top of Covered Bridge RT 100 stopping people from going down there during that time the time period for the wedding. As in the past, the town would like to see a donation of some sort to the Town for the use of the Warren Covered Bridge.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to authorized the Covered Bridge Road Closure for the Norris Wedding on August 29, 2015 from 3-5PM, second by Mr. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:20 PM – Green Mountain National Forest – Holly Knox – Ms. Knox came before the board to discuss moving the parking lot on east side of where it is currently. They have talked with landowners around the lake and are going to do things to hide the visual site such as plantings of blueberry bushes and limited the parking to 5-10 cars. The area has become a widely used area with the new mountain bike trails. Other things noted were the fire department had a concern about the bollards installed and would like to remove a bollard if they needed emergency access to the lake. Ms. Knox commented that the lake was never intended to have direct water access. They would re-exam that issue and see what they could do for emergency access not only for fire access, but also MRVAS. Ms. Knox also announced that National Trails Day is scheduled for June 7 for the trail system. They were also concerned about the pitch of the road where the south shore parking is. The pitch of the road has a deep lip and needs to be smoothed out.

The Green Mountain National Forest would also like to be kept in the loop for the Lincoln Gap Culvert Closure Project. Ms. Jones stated that the project is tentatively scheduled for June 15-July 3. There would be a sign posted at the top of the mountain at the trail head, notifying people that the road is closed to Warren. Ms. Jones also stated that the Town of Lincoln has been notified as the road adjoins both towns.

7:40 PM – Municipal Water System – Mr. Cunningham explained that he attended a meeting with all the key players involved including three from the State. They didn't like the way our engineer had filled out their assessment in costs. It was explained that the forms were more geared for large water systems and not small systems like this. The cost could be around \$100,000. However, there is progress moving forward with all the parties for the loan.

7:55 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson –

The dodge was sold for \$16,000.

Roof on Municipal Building – Mr. Simpson has had several people come to look at the roof over the handicap and the main roof. Pat Burrell, from Burrell Roofing, indicated that they could remove and replace the patched section. They also suggested that the old library roof be Re-roofed with asphalt shingles again and that the roof over the municipal building be temporally repaired by replacing and re-screwing down sheets that have come up over time. Eventually the main tin roof on the municipal building will have to be replaced.

8:05 PM – VT RT 1189 FEMA Buy Out Property/Conservation Commission – The board agreed that the area should contain boulders instead of a wooden rail fence for aesthetic purposes. Mr. Reed, from the Conservation Commission commented that it was more about the river than a public park. The Commission also suggested that the areas be called Conservation Management Area's not parks. Some thoughts to names were: Rewinski Conservation Area, Riverside Conservation Area and the A/R Conservation Area (still trying to find a good name). Mr. Cunningham commented that the Conservation Commission would need to come up with signage explaining on why it is a conservation area and what a conservation area is. Mr. Reed commented that the Commission is working on signage and names. They also have completed e three management plans and that they will be getting to the board shortly. Mr. Schenk also commented that the newly acquired Top Gas parcel should be named after Kinny Perot for all her dedication and work on the Mad River Watershed. The board would like to hear from Ms. Perot before going forward. Mr. Schenk also commented that the parcel needed to be explored for recreational use, and that the Commission research grants on what the parcel could be used for. The parcel needed to be explored to see what the parcel has to offer for recreational, wildlife, streams, trails etc as no one really knows what the parcel has to offer. The Conservation Commission would be work in that.

8:30 PM – Other Business: Mountain Side Appeal – Mr. Cunningham contacted Paul Giuliani, the town's lawyer, concerning the Mountain Side Appeal. He stated that the Town had an interest in seeing the structure rebuilt to add back to the tax base and also for the owners who owned the units. Mr. Giuliani would contact Mountain's Attorney.

Top Gas Parcel Garbage – Mr. Ackland stated that the Chamber asked him to bring up the subject of trash at the kiosk. The Chamber had put a trash can there and has been picking up the trash that has over flowed from it and around the site. The board felt that they did not want a trash receptacle there as it promotes people empty their cars out. The State of Vermont did away with the receptacles as they were being misused. Mr. Ackland also inquired with Casella on a trash receptacle there to add on their charity list. They flatly denied the request. The board directed Mr. Ackland to tell the Chamber that they want the trash can remove.

Electric Charging Station – Wendy Cox – Ms. Cox checked in with the board in regards to the electric charging station discussed last fall. Ms. Cox has tried several times to contact Mr. Groom, but he has not returned her calls. She would like permission to have Green Mountain Power come and look at other sites. She would find out how much the grant funds would cover, who pays, and what's the cost of hooking it up for town. Mr. Cunningham's concern is that it can't be in the way of plowing or get damaged from plowing. Ms. Cox will set up a meeting with GMP and notify the Selectboard so that a member of the board can be present. There are currently at least three in the Valley presently.

8:35 PM – Motion to go into executive session by Mr. Cunningham, to discuss personnel and invite Mr. Simpson, Ms. Goss, Ms. Fuller and Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham, to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:05 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$16,588.47, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:10 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable as presented for \$41,794.65, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

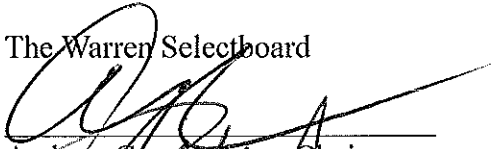
9:12 PM – Approval of Minutes for April 28, 2015 – Motion by Mr. Mays to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2015, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:15 PM – Approval of Tax Anticipation Note for \$600,000.00 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve signing the Tax Anticipation for \$600,000.00, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:20 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to Adjourn, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

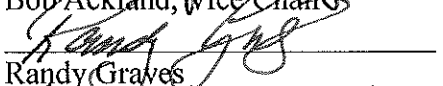
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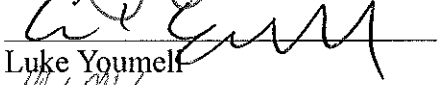
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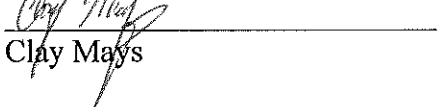
Bob Ackland, Vice Chair



Randy Graves



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Cindi Jones

From: Knox, Holly -FS [hknox@fs.fed.us]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 1:28 PM
To: Cindi Jones; Joshua Schwartz (joshua@mrvpd.org)
Subject: Blueberry Lake Parking
Attachments: BlueberryLakeProjectSIR_map.pdf

Hi Warren Selectboard and Josh/MRVPD,

I am writing to you due to your interest in the Blueberry Lake Project. The Forest Service is proposing a change from the Blueberry Lake Site Additions and Restoration Project Decision Memo, signed in August 2011 (see attached map). As you know, this project approved the construction of a new parking area west of Plunkton Road for trailhead access. This parking lot was to be located in the existing meadow at the rear of the Gray/Blouin property. The Forest Service approved this parking lot in response to public concerns over the visual impact from the initial proposal to construct a parking lot on the east side of Plunkton Road-where cars are currently parking.

Since August 2011, the popularity of the newly constructed Blueberry Lake mountain bike trail system has placed demands on parking at this developed recreation site. The Forest Service has not had funding to design or construct the meadow parking area and trail users have been parking east of Plunkton Road -where the project's scoping letter initially recommended parking. The east-side parking area once provided lake-side access and currently appears to be an approved parking lot as the surface is hardened and the entrance includes a culvert for vehicle passage through the otherwise ditched roadside edge. There is continued need to provide parking for the popular mountain bike trail network in addition to preventing off-road motor vehicle use.

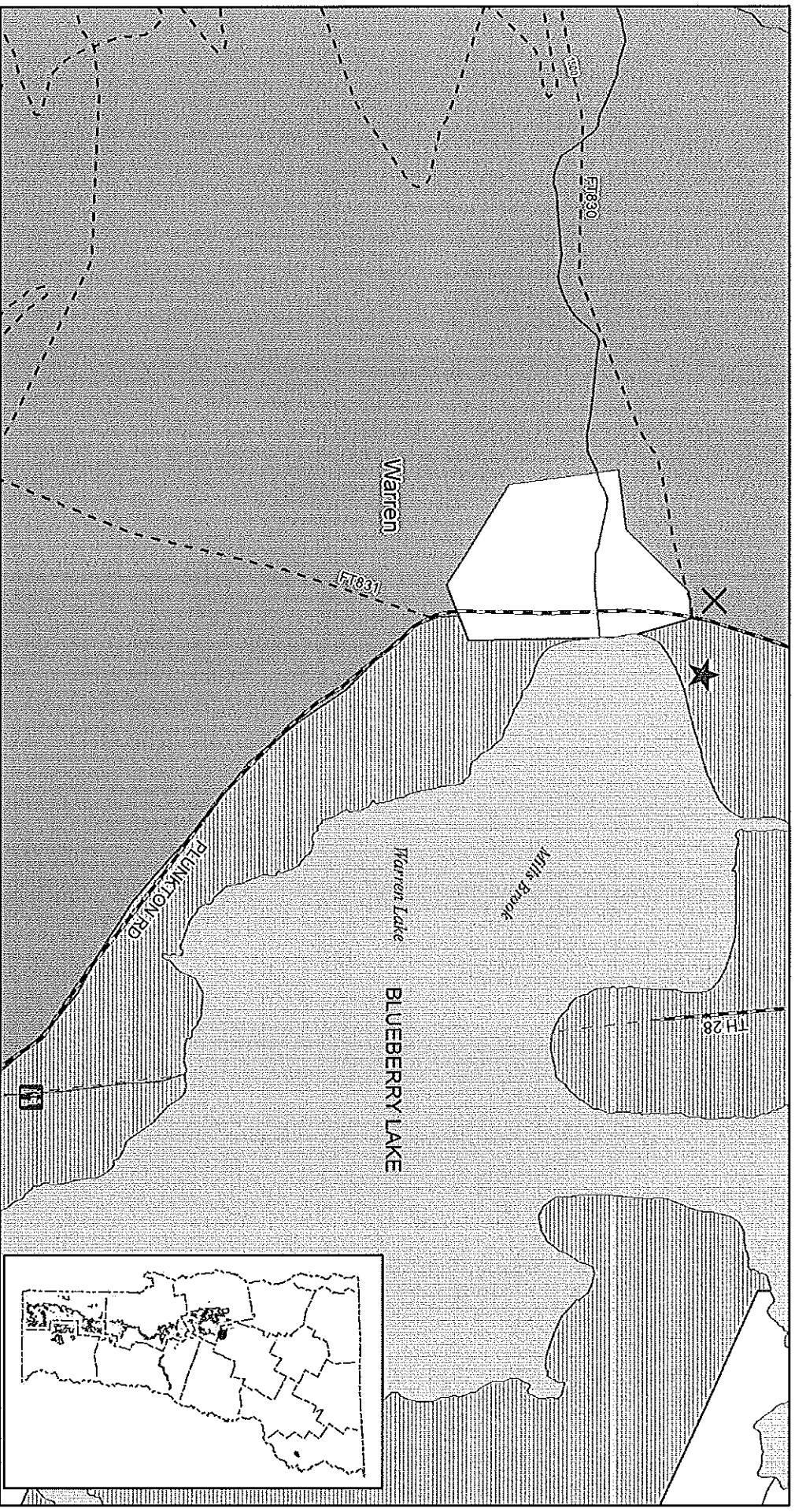
The Forest Service is proposing to change the August 2011 decision and construct a parking lot where originally proposed (east of Plunkton Road where trail users currently park). The trailhead parking lot would be a new 5-10 car parking area. To reduce the visual impact on the landscape, the Forest Service is proposing to lower the existing profile of the parking area when grading it (so it would sit lower in the hillside) and install vegetative screening, such as high bush blueberries, that would also serve as a barrier from cars parking higher on the hillside. Road closure barriers (such as boulders or natural grade breaks) may be located around the new parking area as needed to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicle use of NFS lands.

I am happy to meet with you on-site to review this change, explain the rationale, and discuss any concerns. You may also call me to discuss the proposal if you want clarification and do not need a site visit.

Thank you,
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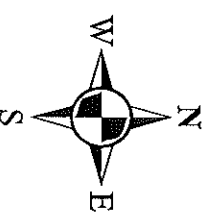
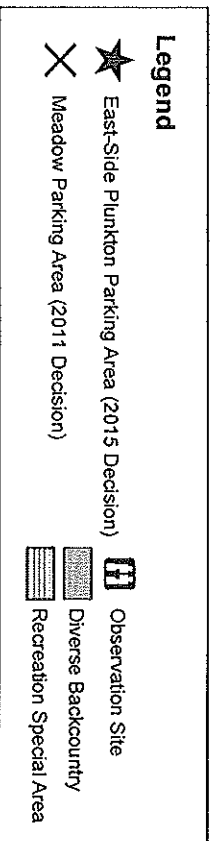
Blueberry Lake Project Supplemental Information Report

Green Mountain National Forest



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