

Agenda

Warren Selectboard  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
Warren Municipal Building  
7:00 PM

7:00 PM – Reta – Tax Sale Information Update

7:15 PM – Approval of Minutes for September 27, 2016

7:20 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

80,965,46      816,946,83

7:30 PM – Public Work Session #2 – Sugarbush Scoping Study (Time as Published)

8:00 PM – Warren Covered Bridge Transportation Alternatives Grant Public Hearing – Barry Simpson

8:30 PM – Other Business

Discussion of Top Gas Mad River Valley Chamber Commerce Kiosk and Maintaining the Area

**\*\*Agenda Subject to Change\*\***

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**Members Present:** Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Randy Graves, & Luke Youmell.

**Members Absent:** Clay Mays and Andrew Cunningham.

**Others Present:** Rocky Bleier, Dorothy Todd, Kristine Keeney, Jim Donovan, Doug Henson, Peter McLaren, TV 44/45, Amy Krietz, Margo Wade, Allison Duckworth, Miron Malboeuf, Chris Kirchen, Barry Simpson, Diane Wing and Cindi Jones.

**7:05 PM** – Meeting Called to order by Mr. Ackland.

**7:06 PM** – Mr. Ackland gave remembrance for the tragedy of the 5 teens that were killed in the accident on the interstate and thoughts to Clay Mays who lost a loved one in the tragedy.

**7:10 PM** – Reta Goss – Tax Sale Information Update – Deferred as Ms. Goss could not attend.

**7:11 PM** – **Approval of Minutes for September 27, 2016** – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of September 27, 2016, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**7:15 PM** – **Approval of Accounts Payable** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as presented for \$80,965.46, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**7:16 PM** – **Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$16,946.83, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**7:18 pm** – **Mad River Valley Chamber Kiosk at Top Gas Parcel Maintaining the area-** Mr. Ackland received a call from the Chamber stating that there was garbage around the kiosk area. Mr. Ackland commented that the Town of Warren pays for the electricity and Mr. Cunningham mows the area as a volunteer. Some of the Selectboard members have picked up trash that was left in the area at times on their volunteer time when they are passing by. Mr. Ackland commented that if the Chamber has the kiosk there that they should take some responsibility as well. A discussion of long term mowing, maintenance of the area and the kiosk up keep at a later date in the future.

**7:20 PM** – Mr. Ackland commented that the financials look good for this time of year and delinquents are down but the tax revenue is down from last year. Ms. Jones commented that taxes are due November 10 and taxpayers are starting to come in more and more to pay their 2016 taxes. The big push of paying the 2016 taxes is usually the day before and the day that taxes are due.

**7:23 PM** – Ms. Jones announced that the Warren Historical Society had its grand opening house last Sunday, October 9 to present to the Town of Warren and its taxpayers Warren's history with a display of artifacts. There were about 25 people who came to the event. The Historical Society will decide next year on how and when it will be open to the public. They do have plans for expanding into the Warren Town Hall on the top floor.

**7:25 PM – Mad River Transportation Project Update** – Mr. Ackland updated the board that there is a public hearing scheduled for next week for comments on the draft which will also be presented at the Mad River Selectboard Summit Meeting. The study really targets input on policy change from town to town on each town will put paths/trails in.

Mr. Kirchen inquired about the Town Green Status – Mr. Graves responded that there is not much change until the municipal parking lot upgrades have been completed next year. The Planning Commission has been using the VDAT study to tie the green and the downtown area to make them interact with each other inviting people to walk from area to area and feel welcomed.

**7:26 PM – Approval of a Festival Permit for the Warren School PTO** – Trick or Trot 5K Walk/Run - The Warren PTO is again sponsoring the Trick or Trot 5K Walk/Run Event on Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-6:00PM. All parking will take place at the Warren School with a vendor providing pizza and water. Constable Gene Bifano has volunteered to control traffic at the North and South entrance. Brook Road, Covered Bridge with be manned with cones and signs. All Emergency services have been notified.

Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Warren PTO Festival Permit for the Trick or Trot 5k Walk/Run Event, scheduled for October 29, 2016, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**7:30 PM – Public Work Session #2 Sugarbush Scoping Study** - Jim Donovan – Broad Reach – This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> public comment period for comments on the proposed bicycle and pedestrian path on the Sugarbush Access Road. The AC Committee started out with 16 alternatives and have narrowed it down to 3 alternatives for the western side of the Access Road from Sugarbush Resort Intersection to Eurich Pond Road. The first alternative is doing nothing. The second alternative is on the south side following Village Road to Sports Center Drive down behind the tennis courts to the south side of the sewage plant to the Access Road, going west up by the Sugar Tree, down to German Flats, to Eurich Pond. The problems associated with this are: conflicts with water treatment and maintenance facilities, some trees would have to be removed, retaining wall by the Sugar Tree would have to be relocated as the path would narrow to about 6', possible wetland impact, adding a retaining wall at Club Sugarbush North, steep slope disturbance and upgrade stormwater facility by Club Sugarbush, severe impacts on the historic house, removing picket fence and maple tree. Most of this route stays within the right of way. Public comment on this portion was the first part is not very appealing going by the wastewater treatment plant. The Third alternative was on the south side away from the ROW. Again starting at the intersection on the east side using the Sugarbush Path which meets about 98% for ADA, traveling down to the Bridges, turns up the Bridges Road to the top departing on the northern side behind the Sugarbush Administration and storage building, behind Paradise Deli to the Maples, crossing Golf Course Road, to Club Sugarbush South through the complex to end on Sugarbush Access within the ROW to Eurich Pond. There would be a lot of easements to get from property owners using this route. There would be needed to bridges to cross over two streams, removing trees and disturb steep slope to add trail next to the Bridges Circle using boardwalk or retaining wall, and using Sugarbush Condominium Road. One comment made at the last hearing is that one homeowner didn't not want people walking through by her unit. Another comment was made that there would need to be signage and is important for guests to see it and where it goes. Some people would enjoy the woods but would need to connect with the road so they knew where they were. The Path on the South side would require all easements and then again the picket fence and historic house are an issue. The audience was mixed about the both routes.

The green route which is option 2 would cost around \$2 million and the purple option 3 is about \$1.9 million. The loop that goes from Village Road to Sports Center Drive was eliminated due to the waste treatment plant.

Inferno Road Study - There were 5 options presented and this is being treated as a recreational Path only. Option 1: Do nothing. Option 2 add shoulders keeping the trail within the ROW. Option 3: putting the trail on the West side. Option 4: using forest Drive to Snow Creek over through South Village Road over to Boulder Pass and crossing the road. Option 5: Starting at Snow Creek crossing Inferno to the 22-acre lot behind the sewage facilities over to Coleman and Rumble Road to Inferno. This trail route is out of the ROW would all have to have easements and negotiations regarding maintenance on the private roads. A comment was made that the loop is long enough as it is and they would not go off the Inferno Road. Would like it to stay what it is but not on the road. A comment was asked about if the trails are 4 seasons? Mr. Ackland responded that the board would have to make a decision regarding that. A comment was made to eliminate the Forest Drive to Snow Creek and just start it at Snow Creek. The board felt they did not want to see any blinking light beacons given the esthetics of the area. The AC Committee will meet again to discuss the comments and make changes for the next public session.

**8:50 PM – Warren Covered Bridge Transportation Alternatives Grant Public Hearing – Barry Simpson –** Mr. Simpson is applying for a grant to receive additional funding of \$300,000 to add to a grant the Town received already for \$300,000 with a town match of \$75,000. Vtrans has been monitoring the Covered Bridge and has given recommendations that the town must do something to fix the western abutment. Dubois and King were hired as engineers that looked at the original project. The current configuration causes a restriction in the river and Covered Bridge Road acts as a spillway during high water events. The engineering study did include engineering of looking at the eastern abutment to see if it is pinned to bedrock. During the first discussion of an actual fixed cantilever was suggested however, Historic Preservation were opposed to the idea as it would change the character of the bridge, even though the Covered Bridge Committee had voted for a cantilever but Historical Preservation of Vermont stopped the project and wanted a different approach. The costs of the bridge project are estimated at \$620,000 for construction with another \$185,200 added for preliminary engineering, construction engineering and 73,200 for municipal project management making the cost of \$805,200.00. Mr. Simpson commented that he could act as the municipal management and cut about \$55,000 off. Ms. Todd asked if the Covered Bridge Committee had weighed in on the project and Mr. Simpson commented yes resulting in the two committees disagreeing with each other. Mr. Kirchen commented that he was in favor of the project and would like to see the bridge fixed regardless what happens with the Timber Crib Dam. The Warren Selectboard were all in favor of pursuing the grant to see if the Town could receive additional funding, so that it could be affordable to the Warren taxpayers and move the project forward. Everyone in the audience expressed support for the grant.

**9:35 PM –** Motion by Mr. Youmell to adjourn, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

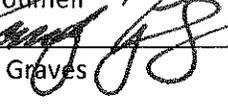
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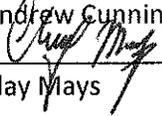
  
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