

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2002**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clayton Cormier, Tara Hamilton, Vice Chair; Donald La Haye, Matt Sargent, Claudia Woods.

OTHERS PRESENT: Margo Wade, DRB/PC Assistant.

- AGENDA:**
- 1) 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
 - 2) Planning Commission Candidate Interviews
 - 7:30 – John Goss
 - 7:45 – Bob Messner
 - 8:00 – John Donaldson
 - 3) Land Use & Development Regulations – discussion with Mike Kroposki regarding amendments to the SVR District standards
 - 4) Town Facilities – space planning for the Library, Town Clerk, and Municipal Offices
 - 5) Village Waste Water Project – update from Lisa Miserendino
 - 6) MRVPD – update from Clayton Cormier
 - 7) Other Business
 - a) Signing of minutes
 - b) Porter/Edgcomb suit witness to represent the Town

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLANNING COMMISSION CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The commission interviewed three candidates to fill Susan Compton Aylesworth's unexpired term. The candidates interviewed were John Goss, Bob Messner and John Donaldson. After lengthy discussion and deliberations the board chose John Goss to fill the vacant seat because he would best represent a stakeholder group that the board feels is not currently represented.

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Sargent to recommend John Goss to the Selectboard to fill the vacant Planning Commission seat. VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 nay (DLH); motion carried.

III. LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Mike Kroposki came before the board to request an amendment to the Land Use & Development Regulations for the Sugarbush Village Residential District standards. Specifically he is requesting that the side yard setback dimension be increase to 25 feet. The current side yard setback is 20 feet.

The board explained that it is too late to include this change with the amendments going before the voters at town meeting in March. VT statutory hearing requirements are mandated, therefore the process takes approximately 3 to 4 months to bring changes before the voters. The town has completed the required hearings for this set of amendments and it is too late to add to or change

the proposed amendments. In addition, it would be unlikely a single change of this magnitude would be proposed alone. The board suggested Mr. Kroposki present the proposed change in writing to the PC and have other Sugarbush Village residents sign on to the change.

The board explained that his change could be grouped with other changes and presented to the voters at a later date. The PC may consider more amendments for the November 2002 election day. Voter turnout can be poor when special meetings are called on off dates therefore the PC prefers to present amendments at the March town meeting or on the November election day.

Mr. La Hay raised his concerns with the proposed changes to the Forest Reserve District. He apologized for not taking a more proactive stance at the time the changes were drafted. He feels the amendments do not appropriately protect the district for the development pressure and stated that he would not be able to vote in favor of the amendments.

Ms. Hamilton thanked him for his honesty and stated that the change was made to accommodate the needs of the petitioners and that other PC members may feel the same.

IV. TOWN FACILITIES GROWTH PLANNING

Mr. Sargent quickly presented a sketch of the Municipal Building with a second floor added to the Library and interior space allocation accommodating the Library, Town Clerk, and Municipal Offices.

This item will be prioritized for the next PC meeting.

V. VILLAGE WASTE WATER PROJECT

The update was table for another meeting because Ms. Miserendino was absent.

VI. MRVPD

Mr. Cormier updated the board on current MRVPD topics and issues, which included:

- seeking funding for the Valley Transportation, state funding runs out in July
- the executive director's 2002 work plan
- 2002 budget, which was approved at \$91,000, which will be funded in part by the three towns, Sugarbush along with a big effort to secure grant funding
- appointing new GLG members
- Kinny is working on the state wide redistricting effort

III. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Signing of minutes

MOTION by Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Cormier to approve the January 14 meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

b) Porter/Edgcomb suit – Representative from the town

Ms. Hamilton volunteered as witness for the Porter/Edgcomb suit to represent to the Town.

Items for the next PC meeting:

- Municipal Facilities growth planning
- Mad River Path Association – discussion with Kevin Russell
- Village Waste Water Project – updated with Lisa Miserendino

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sargent, seconded by Mr. Cormier to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo B. Wade
DRB/PC Assistant

PLANNING COMMISSION

Clayton Cormier (date)

Tara Hamilton, Vice Chair (date)

Donald La Haye (date)

Matt Sargent (date)

Claudia Woods (date)