

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clayton Cormier, Chair; John Donaldson, John Goss, Tara Hamilton, Vice Chair; Lisa Miserendino, Matt Sargent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Winchell, CVCLT; Rudy Elliott, Margo Wade, DRB/PC Assistant, see attached sign-in sheet.

AGENDA:

- 1) 5:30 p.m. Affordable Housing
 - Debriefing of the 9/17 public informational meeting and solidify recommendations to present to the Selectboard on Tuesday night (9/24)
- 2) 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Village Sidewalk & Pedestrian Project
 - overview of preliminary recommendations to the PC
 - present preliminary recommendations based on the information gathered at the public workshop held 7/1/02
- 3) Other Business:
 - a) Signing of minutes
 - b) DHCA Municipal Grant application review and approval
 - c) LandWorks invoice approval

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cormier called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The PC and Karen Winchell discussed the 9/17 Affordable Housing public informational meeting in preparation for going to the Selectboard the following night (9/24). The Eaton and Cemetery sites were discussed and the group determined to press forward with the Eaton site as the best alternative for the project.

At the Selectboard meeting the PC and CVCLT will recommend continued consideration of the Eaton site, discuss the Cemetery site alternative, why non-municipal land is impractical at this point, and discuss the permitting time-frame, and how pushing the November vote off would delay the project by 6 to 12 months.

There was some discussion about alternative non-town sites; development costs; people's perception about affordable housing; how the town's needs have evolved since 1983 and scattered site development. No decision or action was taken about the above.

An affordable housing survey for voting day was suggested if we do not present a ballot to the voters.

III. VILLAGE SIDEWALK & PEDESTRIAN PRESENTATION

David Raphael from LandWorks first briefly presented an overview of the recommendations to the PC and then full presented the plans to the public. LandWorks developed two alternatives for sidewalks in the village: a basic plan and an enhanced plan (see submittals for details).

The public meeting was not well attended with only about one dozen residents present (including 2 Selectboard members). The PC listened to questions and concerns, which included losing the small village feel, limited amount of pedestrian traffic in the village therefore not need, vehicle speed, and traffic calming measures. The PC decided to review and discuss the concerns and recommendations further at the next PC meeting.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Signing of minutes

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Donaldson to approve the September 9, 2002 meeting minutes with corrections. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

b) DHCA Municipal Grant application review and approval

The group briefly discussed the grant application and may minor corrections and suggestions. The application deadline is September 30th. Ms Wade will present it to the Selectboard at their meeting tomorrow night (9/24).

c) LandWorks invoice approval

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Donaldson to approve payment of the LandWorks invoice #97917 for \$637.87. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Donaldson to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo B. Wade
DRB/PC Assistant

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Clayton Cormier, Chair (date)

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