

**TOWN OF WARREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2001**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Clayton Cormier, Tara Hamilton, Vice Chair; Donald La Haye, Lisa Miserendino, Matt Sargent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Margo Wade, DRB/PC Assistant.

- AGENDA:**
- 1) 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
  - 2) Repeal Public Hearing Continuation: to consider the repeal of the Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations
  - 3) Village Pedestrian Path Grant Application: Review the Municipal Planning Grant application for proposed project.
  - 4) Brook Road Bridge #7 – general update of current plans and schedule for the replacement of Brook Road Bridge #7
  - 5) Other Business:
    - a) Signing of minutes

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION: ZONING & SUBDIVISION REPEAL PROCESS**

To consider the repeal of the Town of Warren Zoning Bylaws, first adopted November 1974 and last amended March 1999, and the Town of Warren Permanent Subdivision Regulations, first adopted March 1990 and last amended March 1991. The Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations govern land development in the town.

After discussion of the lack of decision for Superior Court concerning the validity of the supermajority re-vote, the multiple continuations of this hearing, and timing of the proposed repeal/interim/adoption process the PC determined that it would not be prudent to keep continuing this hearing.

**MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Ms. Miserendino to close the hearing to consider the repeal of the zoning and subdivision regulations with no recommendations to the Selectboard at this time. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

**III. VILLAGE PEDESTRIAN PATH GRANT APPLICATION**

The Commission reviewed the draft Municipal Planning Grant application for the development of a sidewalk plan for Brook Road and extension of the Main Street sidewalk.

The purpose of this project is to develop a pedestrian links between the Elementary School, recreation field, village center, village parking lots, Municipal Building, Library, and Post Office. This project will explore options and develop a plan for the eventual construction of a sidewalk along Brook Road, and extending the sidewalk along Main Street. This project will also evaluate existing street trees and “street-scaping” along the identified routes and update and expand, where necessary, the 1996 Village Enhancement Plan.

Minor changes and comments will be incorporated to the application, which will be submitted the Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs on October 31, 2001.

**IV. BROOK ROAD BRIDGE #7**

The PC's primary concerns include: suitability of the railing, incorporation of a sidewalk, keeping the width narrow, keeping the existing alignment, and deforestation. The members discussed these items and determined that Ms. Hamilton will write draft recommendations to distribute to the commission on the October 25.

Railing: style should be in keeping with the historic district, first preference is the existing post and cable, second preference is small scale concrete similar to bridge on Main Street by the Warren Store.

Sidewalk: located on the north side of bridge, with a four-foot width.

Width: keep existing width but add the width of the sidewalk.

Vegetation: minimize disturbance of trees and canopy and replant what has to be removed in kind.

Alignment: keep it the same it helps to slow traffic.

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Signing of minutes

**MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Ms. Miserendino to approve the October 8, 2001 meeting minutes with corrections. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

b) Center for Rural Studies – approval of first allocation

**MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Ms. Miserendino to approve the first allocation (\$4500) to the Center for Rural Studies from the affordable housing study grant funds. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

c) MRVPD Update

Mr. Cormier reported:

- the Irasville growth plan is getting back on track after a the new consultant has been brought up to speed;
- Valley Transit will begin running for the season next month;
- data collection project is continuing; and
- Bob Ackland met with the Steering Committee to discuss Sugarbush and winter plans.

Items for the next PC meeting:

- Land Use & Development Regulations
- Affordable Housing

- Brook Road Bridge #7
- Proposed DRB Rules of Procedure

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Ms. Miserendino to adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo B. Wade  
DRB/PC Assistant

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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