

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 12, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Compton, Chair; Clayton Cormier, Donald La Haye, Lisa Miserendino.

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Winchell, Martin Hahn, CVCLT; Margo Wade, DRB/PC Assistant.

AGENDA:

1. 7:00 p.m. Call to Order
2. Public Meeting: General Planning
 - Discussion with Karen Winchell & Martin Hahn from Central Vermont Community Land Trust
 - Affordable Housing Study – update
3. Other Business:
 - a) Signing of minutes
 - b) Zoning – update, distribute copies
 - c) Burnt Rock – contract status, DRB RoP, Training

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cormier began the meeting at 7: 35 p.m.

II. PUBLIC MEETING

• Discussion with Karen Winchell & Martin Hahn from Central Vermont Community Land Trust CVCLT develops and manages affordable housing in Washington and Northern Orange Counties. Current programs and functions included – affordable rental housing, mobile home parks, Homeland (owns the land under single family dwellings), revolving loan program, Central Vermont homeownership center, property management, and community economic development.

Ms. Winchell and Mr. Hahn discussed affordable housing qualifications, median income in the Valley and Washington County, and affordability of condominium units up at the mountain. They explained that studies show that northwestern Vermont will be short 10,000 housing units by the year 2010. They encourage the PC to identify potential development opportunities for the three Valley towns in the new study.

Mr. Hahn offered CVCLT support and assistance during the study and if Warren decided to undertake development of affordable housing units.

• Affordable Housing Study – update

Ms. Wade passed along the feedback Ms. Woods gathered on the affordable housing study RFP and 1991 report. Ms. Woods feels the 1991 report is still valid and should be updated. This project should determine how well the towns have employed the 1991 recommendation and updated the recommendations to the current population, income and employments figures.

Ms. Wade will explore the possibility of working with Fred Schmidt from the UVM Community Development and Applied Economics Dept, and will also amend the scope of the project in the

RFP to reflect the feedback from Ms. Woods.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Signing of minutes

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. La Haye to approve the February 26, 2001 meeting minutes. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

b) Zoning – update, distribute copies

Copies of the new Land Use regulations were distributed, and possibility of a re-vote and/or repeal petition was discussed. The petition would have to be submitted to the Selectboard by April 5th. Since the petition needs to be signed by 5% of the voters, presumably we would know ahead of time about the request for a re-vote or repeal.

c) Burnt Rock – contract status, DRB RoP, Training

The Pc would like to extend the Burnt Rock contract in order to have BRI develop DRB Rules of Procedures and hold a training session with BRI and Steve Stitzel. The PC understands that additional consulting fees will be incurred due to the additional meetings. Ms. Wade will contact Brain Shupe regarding the extension, RoP and training.

Items for the next PC meeting:

Stormwater Runoff Workshop, 7:30-9:00 at the Municipal Building

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo B. Wade, DRB/PC Assistant

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Susan Compton, Chair (date)

Clayton Cormier (date)

Donald La Haye (date)

Lisa Miserendino (date)