

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2001**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Margo Wade, DRB/PC Assistant.

AGENDA:

1. 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
2. Public Hearing Continuation: To consider the repeal of the Town of Warren Zoning Bylaws and Permanent Subdivision Regulations
3. Brook Road Bridge – guardrail replacement discussion
4. Other Business:
 - a) Signing of minutes
 - b) Scenic Roads Maintenance Plan
 - c) Affordable Housing Plan Update

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Woods called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION: ZONING & SUBDIVISION REPEAL

Continuation of the duly warned public hearing 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.

Because a ruling from VT Superior Court regarding the validity of the super-majority petition has not been handed down the PC decided to defer acting on the zoning and subdivision repeal process for another 30 days.

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. La Haye to continue the repeal public hearing to the evening of September 10, 2001. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

III. BROOK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The project is located on Brook Road in Warren Village. The bridge carries Brook Road over Freeman Brook approximately ¼ mile east of the Main Street/Brook Road intersection. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the bridge, which is deteriorated. Rehabilitation will consist of complete replacement of the superstructure. The existing stone and concrete abutments will be retained and repaired. The Selectboard has requested the PC's input on replacement railing options.

The PC discussed the following issues related the bridge replacement: traffic calming effects; aesthetics; and pedestrian safety.

Prior to the next PC meeting, information will be gathered and distributed to commissioners, which will help with input development (see list below).

III. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Signing of minutes

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Ms. Woods to approve the July 9, 2001 meeting minutes with corrections. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Ms. Miserendino to approve the July 23, 2001 meeting minutes. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Future public hearings will be taped, tapes will be kept for one year, and the minutes will reflect the abbreviated discussion of the meeting. Ms. Wade will check with VLCT about what information needs to be reflected in the minutes.

b) Scenic Roads Maintenance Plan

Ms. Miserendino reported her discussion with the Selectboard. The board has agreed to ask the Road Dept. to hold off on the paving of the portion of West Hill Road between Golf Course Road and Inferno Road. The Selectboard has asked the PC to act expeditiously in developing a scenic road maintenance plan and submittal of recommendations concerning West Hill Road.

Issues preliminarily identified to consider include: the definition of a scenic road; different maintenance cost between gravel and pavement; speed; tree/environmental health differences between gravel and pavement; traffic counts; scenic ranking; inventory of scenic roads; and run off management.

Prior to the next PC meeting information will be gathered and distributed to the commissioners, which will help with plan development (see list below).

c) Affordable Housing Plan Update

Ms. Wade reminded members to submit their questionnaires if they had not already done so.

Items for the next PC meeting:

Brook Road Bridge #7 Replacement

Scenic Road Maintenance Plan

MRVPD Up-Date

Assignments for the next meeting:

Clayton - ask Waitsfield for their plan or written information regarding scenic roads maintenance program and costs of keeping a road gravel vs. paving.

Lisa - ask Paula Mastroberardino for the information she gathered for Moretown; and get a copy of Better Back Roads.

Claudia - get photographs of bridge/railing design options from Ellen Strauss. (Tara, can you help Claudia with this since she will not be attending the meeting?)

Margo - find out time frame for bridge replacement; is a sidewalk recommended in the Strauss Village Traffic Plan; get a copy of the Ornamental railing Study from AOT; get maps for the bridge #7 replacement plan; take photos of bridge #7; research how gravel/paving affects tree/environmental health, run off, etc.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by , seconded by , to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo B. Wade
DRB/PC Assistant

PLANNING COMMISSION

Susan Compton, Chair (date)

Clayton Cormier (date)

Donald La Haye (date)

Lisa Miserendino (date)

Matt Sargent (date)

Claudia Woods (date)