

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 8, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clayton Cormier, Chair; John Donaldson, John Goss, Don LaHaye, Lisa Miserendino, Jim Sanford.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Pinkston, Karen Winchell, Shannon M. Hill, DRB/PC Assistant

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:30 PM Call to Order
- 2) Sign Minutes from Feb 23rd
- 3) Affordable Housing Update - Pat Pinkston & Karen Winchell
- 4) Town Plan Update, Chapters 6, A Place to Live
- 5) Other Business
 - a) Elect Officers
 - b) Distribute Town Meeting Day Survey Results

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. SIGNING OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Cormier, to approve the February 23, 2004 meeting minutes. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

III. MAD RIVER VALLEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION

Pat Pinkston and Karen Winchell came before the board on behalf of the Mad River Valley Housing Coalition (MRVHC) to request endorsement for a grant proposal. The MRVHC has decided to pursue applying for a Vermont Community Development Planning Grant to establish a revolving loan fund for local residents. They would like to apply for a \$40,000 grant which would require a \$22,000 local match. They explained that the match could be covered by the volunteer time the MRVHC will put into the project as well as the money Warren has already allocated to the Mad River Valley Planning District.

Since a non-profit cannot apply for the grant, they will be requesting approval from the Warren Selectboard to have the Town of Warren as the applicant. The money would be funneled through the town to the MRVHC who would use it to hire a consultant to set up an application and get all of the documents ready for the revolving loan fund. The consultant would also work with local towns and businesses to

Other projects the MRVHC is working on include:

- Putting together a brochure
- Educating realtors about the programs available to help potential home buyers
- Helping the MRVPD with the housing affordability portion of the Valley Vision 20/20

IV. TOWN PLAN UPDATE – CHAPTER 6

The board reviewed Chapter 6, A Place to Live, and suggested numerous changes. Ms. Hill will incorporate the changes and redistribute it to the board.

During the discussion Ms. Hill mentioned the series of public forums that will begin in April. She suggested the board come up with some “theme” for each meeting to make it a bit more interesting and appealing to people. Some suggestions meeting topics were:

- Land Use

- Affordable Housing
- Planning Priorities

Mr. Sanford suggested having a spaghetti supper for one of the public meetings. He thinks more people will attend.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Elect officers

MOTION by Mr. Sanford, seconded by Ms. Miserendino, to nominate for re-election the existing officers for the next year term. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Therefore the officers are as follows:

Chairman: Clayton Cormier

Vice-Chairman: John Donaldson

Secretary: Shannon Hill

b) Distribute Town Meeting ay Questionnaire

Ms. Hill distributed the preliminary results of the town meeting day questionnaire. The board reviewed the results of each question.

The board will start the next meeting at 7PM and will review some of the Town Plan chapters that Ms. Hill has revised.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Hill

DRB/PC Assistant

PLANNING COMMISSION

Clayton Cormier, Chair (date)

John Donaldson, V Chair (date)

John Goss (date)

Donald La Haye (date)

Lisa Miserendino (date)

Jim Sanford (date)