

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 14, 2003**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cory Hatch, Valley Reporter; Karen Winchell, CVCLT; Pat Pinkston, MRV Housing Coalition; Natalie Steen, LandWorks; Carroll & Jim Groom; Shannon M. Hill, DRB/PC Assistant.

- AGENDA:**
- 1) 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
 - 2) Approve Minutes - June 23
 - 3) Affordable Housing
 - 4) Sidewalks
 - 5) Affordable Housing – Report Addendum
 - 6) Town Hall Signage Plan
 - 7) Other Business:
 - a) Approve Schoellkopf Design Invoice

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Ms. Winchell reported that the MRV Housing Coalition is planning to meet with the Warren Selectboard to present their “criteria” for project selection. The PC suggested that while she was at the Selectboard meeting, it would be a good time to discuss the Behn Road site with them.

Ms. Winchell is still working on the site plan for the Behn Road potential affordable housing site.

Ms. Pinkston also discussed the project selection criteria that the MRV Housing Coalition has developed. She described it as decision making criteria to promote “smart growth”. She explained that housing availability and cost of housing is impacting employment in the Mad River Valley.

III. SIDEWALKS

Natalie Steen of LandWorks presented the updated Sidewalk Plan to the PC. The PC discussed the two options for a sidewalk past the Warren Store which include:

- A sidewalk flush with the grade extending through the parking area in front of the Warren Store.
- Having the sidewalk on the Pitcher Inn side of the road. This option may require additional crosswalks.

The board does not believe that either of these options is optimal. They decided to present the plans to the Selectboard and get feedback.

Carroll and Jim Groom stated that drainage coming off of Fuller Hill Road is washing out their lawn and stairs. They also feel that the turn off of the Covered Bridge to head North on Main Street is unsafe and they do not see the point in the small section of sidewalk past their driveway. They requested the PC incorporate their concerns into the project.

IV. AFFORDABLE HOUSING REPORT - ADDENDUM

Ms. Hill will distribute the addendum to the Mad River Valley towns and other interested parties.

V. TOWN HALL SIGNAGE PLAN

Mr. Lobel requested that the Town install more lighting and signage at the Town Hall to discourage people from parking in his driveway. The PC will consider the signage and lighting plan with the Sidewalk planning.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Signing of minutes

MOTION by, seconded by to approve the June 23, 2003 meeting minutes.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

b) Municipal Expansion Bond Vote

The PC discussed their disappointment that the bond vote did not pass. Mr. Schoellkopf wrote a letter to the Selectboard and the Planning Commission outlining the information collected during the Feasibility Study. The board requested Ms. Hill pass along the letter to the Selectboard along with a Memo offering to “boil down” an expansion project into immediate needs versus long term needs.

c) Matt Sargent’s Resignation

Mr. Sargent has submitted his official resignation from the Planning Commission. Ms. Hill will advertise for a new PC member.

The Planning Commission believes that the voters of Warren would prefer to wait until the Ruby Blair house is available and implement a “Long Term Plan”.

Items for the next PC meeting:

Sidewalks (signage & lighting)

Affordable Housing

Survey

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon M. Hill
DRB/PC Assistant

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Clayton Cormier, Chair (date)

John Donaldson (date)

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Lisa Miserendino (date)

Jim Sanford (date)