

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2003**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Kathan, Road Foreman; Butch Hartshorn, Fire Chief; Katherine Hartshorn, Town Historian; Cory Hatch, Valley Reported; Barry Simpson, Selectboard member; Shannon M. Hill, DRB/PC Assistant.

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:30 PM Call to Order
- 2) Sign Minutes from Nov 10th
- 3) Scenic Roads
- 4) Traffic Calming Planning
- 5) Town Plan Discussion
- 6) Town Plan Update
- 7) Other Business

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. LaHaye to approve the November 10, 2003 meeting minutes. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

III. SCENIC ROADS

Ms. Hill distributed a map of the ten roads the Planning Commission selected to recommend for Scenic Road designation to the Selectboard. The board decided to include each segment that received a score of 10 or greater in either direction.

Mr. Hartshorn and Mr. Kathan both expressed opposition to the scenic roads proposal. They feel that designating scenic roads will allow for additional scrutiny for development on scenic roads during the local review process. Mr. Hartshorn stated that once the sources of gravel are depleted it would be less expensive to maintain paved roads.

The PC explained that the Selectboard has the authority, after a legally warned hearing, to authorize changes to a scenic road and that they are not proposing incorporating any restrictions into the Land Use & Development Regulations for development on scenic roads.

After some discussion, the board decided to include the eastern end of Fuller Hill Road and northern section of East Warren Road as part of the scenic road since these sections were surveyed as 0.2-mile segments. However, the 1/2 mile of Golf Course Road and the approximately 2 miles of Roxbury Mountain Road that did not rate high enough will not be included in the scenic road proposal.

The PC will present the scenic road proposal to the Selectboard on December 9, 2003.

IV. TRAFFIC CALMING PLANNING

The board reviewed the updated plans and report received from LandWorks. The updated plan includes two areas of traffic calming on Brook Road as well as north and south of the village on Main Street. The PC requested the following additional changes:

- An additional area of traffic calming South of the Fuller Hill Road to slow traffic coming off Route 100
- Move the eastern area of traffic calming further up hill near the Dump Road

Ms. Hill will contact LandWorks and request a more detailed schematic as well as a poster size ortho photo map.

Mr. Hartshorn and Mr. Kathan both felt that the type of material used in the traffic calming would need to be carefully selected to assure it would not interfere with the plowing. Mr. Hartshorn will discuss the traffic calming plan with the Warren Fire Department and determine if they have additional concerns.

Once Ms. Hill receives the updated plans from LandWorks she will schedule a walk about.

V. TOWN PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. LaHaye broached the idea of regulating junk and abandon cars and equipment as well as industrial operation in the Warren Town Plan and Zoning Regulations.

Mr. Hartshorn noted that the state allows a maximum of four unregistered cars per lot. He explained that since Warren does not have any trash or salvage lots that we are pushing our trash onto Waitsfield and Moretown. He believes that each town should be responsible for their own trash.

Mr. Simpson feels that there is a very low density of industry in Warren and does not see the current hours of operation as a problem.

The PC did not feel that Warren had a significant problem with junk and abandoned cars or with the hours of industrial operation and decided to table the issue.

VI. TOWN PLAN UPDATE

The PC reviewed the changes Ms. Hill incorporated into Chapters 7 and 9 of the Warren Town Plan. Mr. Sanford requested the language relating to the Kingsbury Bridge being replaced with a similar iron truss bridge being a town priority remain in the town Plan.

Items for the next PC meeting:

Town Plan Update
Traffic Calming

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon M. Hill
DRB/PC Assistant

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Clayton Cormier, Chair (date)

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