

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2003**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Connell, April Smith, David Sellers, Steve Dollmeyer, Ada Bergman & Kinny Connell, Brook Road Residents; Shannon M. Hill, DRB/PC Assistant.

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:30 PM Call to Order
- 2) Sign Minutes from Nov 24th & Dec 8th
- 3) Traffic Calming Planning
- 4) Town Plan Update, Chapters 5
- 5) Other Business
 - a) Review LandWorks contract extension letter

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. SIGNING OF MINUTES

a) Signing of minutes

MOTION by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Goss, to approve the November 24, 2003 meeting minutes. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The PC recommended changes to the December 8, 2003 meeting minutes. Ms. Hill will incorporate the changes and have them ready to be signed at the next meeting.

III. TRAFFIC CALMING PLANNING

The Planning Commission reviewed the updated traffic calming plan prepared by LandWorks.

The changes to the plan include:

- an additional area of raised texture on Main Street off of Route 100 south of Fuller Hill Road
- an additional area of raised texture on Brook Road east of the Dump Road

Some of the Brook Road residents attended the meeting to provide feedback on the plan. The residents concurred with the plan prepared by LandWorks and made the following additional suggestions:

- reduce road width in village to 18' and use the rest of the existing road for pedestrian and bicycle lane
- add additional cross walks on Brook Road and Main Street

- use a more aggressive traffic calming method at gateways to the village than within the village
- replace existing large lights with historic reproduction pedestrian scale lights
- install a stop sign at the intersection with Flat Iron Road and Main Street to prevent accidents

Ms. Smith noted that there are at least two daycare facilities within the village that care for 4-5 children at a time. Ms. Connell believes that painting lines on the road to visually reduce the width of the road to 18' and create a pedestrian pathway would be the most cost effective way to slow traffic. Mr. Sellers mentioned that 18' is the standard village road width and that the existing asphalt could be carved into blocks and painted to look like bricks. When asked about the noise that might be created by the raised or textures pavement all of the neighbors present stated that they would not mind the noise.

Another option that was raised by a resident of Brook Road was removing the pavement and making the village all dirt roads. Mr. Sellers suggested the town look into purchasing a right of way that would allow vehicular traffic from East Warren to get to Sugarbush and bypass Warren Village.

Mr. Goss noted that the sharpening the intersection of Brook Road and Main Street may create a problem for emergency vehicles. He will bring this up at the next Fire Department meeting.

Ms. Hill will talk to the state AOT to determine what funding sources are available for the traffic calming plan.

The Brook Road gang will submit written comments and suggestions to the Planning Commission.

The PC also discussed adding traffic calming to the South end on Main Street off Route 100. They decided to wait until the public hearing as see what the residents of the south end of the village thought.

IV. TOWN PLAN UPDATE

The Planning Commission reviewed the updated Chapter #5, Power of the People, of the Warren Town Plan and suggested some changes. Ms. Hill noted that she is having a hard time getting the updated data from Green Mountain Power (GMP). She has spoken to several people at GMP as well as the VT Public Service Department who all feel that since GMP is a for profit company they have no obligation to release any information. The Planning Commission suggested Ms. Hill ask the Selectboard to draft a formal letter to GMP requesting the information.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

1) LandWorks contract extension letter

The PC reviewed the contract extension letter. Mr. Cormier signed the two copies of the letter which will extend the contract between the Town of Warren and LandWorks to May 31, 2004. Ms. Hill will mail the letters to Mr. Raphael at LandWorks to be signed and request he mail one back for the town records.

Items for the next PC meeting:

Town Plan Update

Taffic Calming

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon M. Hill
DRB/PC Assistant

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Clayton Cormier, Chair (date)

John Donaldson (date)

John Goss (date)

Donald La Haye (date)

Lisa Miserendino (date)

Jim Sanford (date)