

**TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC FORUM
MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Members Present: Mike Ketchel, Jim Sanford, Lisa Miserendino, John Goss, Don LaHaye, Craig Klofach and Dan Raddock.

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf, Ruth Robbins, Dorothy Todd, Dan Story, Mike Brodeur, Peter MacLaren, Carol Groom, Burt Bauchner, Melissa Roberts, Jim Seniff, Mike Barker, Dave Sellers, Lucy O'Brien, Barbara Glazerman, Michael Glazerman, Alice Cheney, Sue Carter, Rebecca Peatman, Deborah Kahn, Bob Messner, Tim Holter, Erin Russell-Story, Alex Maclay, Sue Frechette, Matt Groom, Jim Groom, Brendan Gilhuly, Liz Raddock, April Smith, Susan Hemmeter, Sheryl Kurland-Platt, Greg Platt, Virginia Roth, Gary Johannesen, Deb Johannesen, Margo Wade, Joshua Schwartz and Caitrin Noel.

Agenda: Call the Public Forum to order at 7:00pm.

Introductions and project overview

The goals of this project and what has been done to date

Orientation to the meeting

Introduction of the project team and review of today's agenda

Summary of results from the town-wide survey

Overview of the survey results and comments

Presentation of Community Ideas for Expanded Commercial Development

An overview of the Planning Commissions work on encouraging new opportunities for small-scale development within Warren

Small Groups:

What are your preferences regarding integration of new businesses into the Village?

Meeting Our Future Housing Needs

Overview of housing needs, obstacles to meeting that need and options for moving forward.

Community discussion

What are your preferences regarding new housing types and styles in Warren?

Summary, Questions and Next Steps

A review of major themes covered in the meeting and an overview of what comes next

The Warren Planning Commission in partnership with SmartGrowth VT, held a public forum inviting feedback from the townspeople regarding possible changes to the zoning regulations in regards to the Warren Village Historic Residential District, Warren Village Commercial District and changes to help facilitate the development of affordable housing. The Commission did not present specific recommendations at this time, but rather used some of the results from a survey that had been issued a month earlier to frame additional questions and create discussion. In addition to the presentations of why the Commission was doing this and what they had learned to date from the survey, the folks attending were asked to break into smaller groups and address various statements by agreeing or disagreeing with that statement.

Ms. MacKay from SmartGrowth VT, after giving a PowerPoint presentation on housing, used a "dot" system on several flip charts again asking for agreement or not from the participants. Large sheets of paper were put out in the hallway with questions that folks could write out their response to. The forum lasted a little over two hours and was attended by over 35 people.

Respectfully Submitted,

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DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

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