

**Planning Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 28, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Donaldson, Laura Crandall, Lisa Miserendino  
Jim Sanford, Don LaHaye

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Ryan, Kirstin Reilly, Barry Simpson, Miron Malboeuf,  
Ruth Robbins

**AGENDA:**

- 1.) 7:00 p.m. Call to Order
- 2.) Warren Planning Commission to receive public comment on the proposed Warren Town Plan dated January 17, 2005.
- 3.) Other Business
  - a) Review & approve minutes of February 14, 2005
  - b) Review draft of RFP for the Update of the Land Use & Development Regulations

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

**II. Commission to Receive Public Comment on Warren Town Plan**

Mr. Donaldson started this part of the meeting by stating that the purpose was to receive comments from the public regarding the updated Town Plan, which is dated January 17, 2005. He went on to explain that this was the cumulation of fourteen months of work revising the previous Town Plan that had been adopted back in October of 1999. State Statute requires that Town Plans be updated every five years. Once the Planning Commission receives public comments, they will make any further revisions deemed necessary, then pass the Plan on to the Select Board who will then either accept the Plan or make additional changes. The Select Board is also required to hold public comment sessions during their review of the Plan.

Two of the attendees, Mr. Ryan and Ms. Reilly, stated that they may need more time to go over the Plan before making final comments. Mr. Ryan did ask about the section on childcare, and Mr. Donaldson stated that the State had mandated that Town Plans now include sections not only on childcare, but also to address affordable housing. Mr. Ryan also said that traffic claming was an area of interest to him, but that he would read through the Plan before making any comment. Mr. Donaldson suggested that they take a copy of the Plan and if they had any additional comments to please submit them prior to the Commission's next scheduled meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Simpson had several suggestions for the Commission. He felt that the following should either be added or be given more emphasis:

- Notation of the Fallace sheep seizure as it was a momentous and historical event.
- Adding bold type to those aspects that describe our rural character.
- More emphasis on the right of people to keep domestic animals on their own property where appropriate.
- Replacement of the western abutment of the Covered Bridge
- Replacement of Bridge #7
- Include a section on Blueberry Lake Dam, which is basically now complete
- Include a section on the importance of maintaining the Post Office in the Village.
- The addition of emergency power generation for all town buildings.
- Include a section on Riverside Park under Recreational & Cultural activities
- Update the info/status of Brooks Field
- Radio Station WMVR in full operation
- Additional comment on Rootswork agricultural use of neighboring private property

### **III. Other Business**

- a) MOTION by Mr. Sanford to accept the minutes of February 14,2005. SECOND by Ms. Miserendino. VOTE, unanimous, motion carried.
- b) The Commission reviewed the RFP and made changes to the dates in the timeline. MOTION by Mr. LaHaye to accept the RFP with the changes discussed. SECOND by Mr. Sanford. VOTE unanimous, motion carried.
- c) Mr. Sanford commented that he had attended the last MRVPC meeting, and that he didn't feel having commission members attend on a rotating basis was a good idea. He offered to continue to go to the meetings but would not be able to also attend the TAC meetings. It was discussed that attendance at the TAC meetings would be determined on the agenda for each meeting.
- d) It was clarified that Planning Commission meetings would be at 7:30 going forward.
- e) Mr. Donaldson asked Mr. Malboeuf to set up a meeting with Richard at the Town Garage on a Saturday at 9:00 am.
- f) Mr. Donaldson also requested a map showing the location of all the Town owned properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins  
DRB/Planning Commission Assistant

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Laura Crandall (date)  
Vice Chair

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Don LaHaye (date)

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John Donaldson (date)  
Chair

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Lisa Miserendino (date)

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John Goss (date)

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Jim Sanford (date)