

Minutes of July 11, 2023 Meeting
Warren Selectboard
Streamed on MRVTV
6:30 PM
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Members Present: Luke Youmell, Chair; Andrew Cunningham, Vice Chair; Bob Ackland; Camilla Behn, Devin Klein-Corrigan.

Staff Present: None

Others Present: Misha Golfman (Mad River Path Association), MRVTV, Mac Rood (Mad River Path Association)

Public Comment

Nobody present requested time to address the Board.

Agenda Changes

Several items were added to the Other and Ongoing Business portion of the agenda.

Misha Golfman

Mr. Golfman, Executive Director of the Mad River Path Association, provided some background information about himself and his interest in the Mad River Valley area. He then outlined his ideas regarding system change and the community connections he envisions among the towns along the alternative transportation route he is proposing be developed along the Route 100 corridor. He explained how this route would create connectivity between many of the already existing trails in the area, and provided some further information regarding completing work in the State right-of-way as well as funding requirements. Currently, Mr. Golfman is seeking support for his work with CVRPC in putting together a grant proposal in order to fund a scoping study for the project.

Municipal Tax Rate Recap

Mr. Youmell noted that the municipal tax rate has been set at \$0.393, the same as last year, and that the education rate is up approximately 10 - 11%. Mr. Cunningham explained that the budget increase approved at Town Meeting has been balanced with an increase in the Grand List, leading to no increase in the municipal rate.

Town Administrator (TA) Job Description

Several edits to the Job Description were discussed; it was agreed that Mr. Ackland will provide a draft in advance of the next meeting so that the document may be finalized then.

Board members composed a Job Posting for the position, which will be published as soon as the Job Description is final, as the ads will point to that document.

Land Use Development Regulations Review

Landowner requests for changes to which zoning district their property should be located in were reviewed. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to place all three parcels in question (Harvey, Bragna/Gardner, and Reynells/Long Associates) in the Rural District.

It was agreed that the requirement for a permit for portable structures, included in section 3018, should be removed.

Section 3101 was discussed, and led to a need for clarification of the Section(s) referenced regarding 500 square feet – it appeared to be a typographical error and that 5000 square feet was more appropriate.

Other and Ongoing Business

Pickleball Tournament – Mr. Youmell made note of this fundraiser for the pavilion, to be held on Sunday, July 23.

Covered Bridge contract – Ms. Klein-Corrigan reported that as soon as the final approval from the Covered Bridge Committee is received, this project may move forward.

ARPA Funds – A discussion of the composition of and timing of an ARPA committee took place. It was agreed that the group will consist of two Selectboard members, a Planning Commission member, and two residents; and that the group will likely be formed and begin meeting in September. Mr. Youmell will reply to the inquiry that was recently received from an organization which had requested funds from Valley towns.

Grants in Progress – Work on grants continues, with necessary information being gathered.

Top Gas parcel maintenance – It was agreed that the Town Road Crew should address removal of the bollards and fixing of the pothole(s) at the site.

Rest Area/Warren Falls Port-O-Lets – Ms. Klein Corrigan reported finding human feces at the Rest Area, and wondered if this would be an appropriate location for a portable toilet. Mr. Ackland reported that he had been in conversation with Steward MRV folks regarding placing one at Warren Falls as well.

Speed Limit sign on Brook Road – Mr. Ackland will touch base with Andrew Bombard regarding this.

Administrative Items

The minutes of June 27 and July 6 were approved.

MOTION: *A motion to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$56,389.74 passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$27,168.66 passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Chamberlin

The Warren Selectboard

Luke Youmell, Chair

Andy Cunningham, Vice Chair

Bob Ackland

Camilla Behn

Devin Klein Corrigan