

Minutes of July 25, 2023 Meeting
Warren Select Board
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: Marie Schmukal, Library Director

Others Present: Michael Bridgewater, Helen Bridgewater, Susan Cummiskey, Sam Krotinger, Ellen Kucera, MRVTV, Linda Tyler

Public Comment

Nobody present requested time to address the Board.

Agenda Changes

The Golf Course Road crosswalk request was postponed; some items were added to the Other/Ongoing Business portion of the meeting.

Library Trustees Board vacancy appointment – Ellen Kucera, Linda Tyler

Linda Tyler indicated that the Board had spoken with candidates for the Trustee position, and were recommending that Susan Cummiskey be appointed to the Board. Ms. Cummiskey introduced herself to the Select Board members and spoke of her interest in becoming more involved with the Library.

MOTION: *Mr. Ackland made a motion to appoint Susan Cummiskey as a Library Trustee for the remainder of the term being vacated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All voted in favor.*

Crosswalk request for Golf Course Road at Clubhouse/Hogans – Amy Kretz

This will be taken up at an upcoming meeting.

Lincoln Gap Road discussion; speed, safety, etc. – Sam Krotinger

Mr. Krotinger provided a short presentation which included information from past discussions on the matter, road configuration, safety concerns, and potential solutions. It was clarified that CVRPC completed a speed study several years ago, after which an increase in law enforcement presence led to a decrease in speeding. Board members noted that a directive had been given recently to again increase patrolling of the area, but explained that due to staffing shortages and a doubling of hourly rates, the Sheriffs' Department time allocated to Warren has decreased.

Mr. Bridgewater noted that the traffic on the road consists of both commuters and resort traffic; and spoke of an example in Aspen, where a similar road has a lower speed limit (35 MPH) and has speed tables installed. Other possible strategies were discussed, including using the Town's set of flashing signs and the possibility of using line striping to provide visual narrowing/slowing.

Board members agreed that speed tables are a potential solution, and that VHB, an engineering and planning firm, be engaged to study the road and provide a proposal for reducing speed on the road. Understanding that this will take some time, they also agreed that for the present they will look into placing the Town's flashing signs on the road, and again directing the Deputy Sheriff to patrol the road at specific times.

Other and Ongoing Business

Flashing signs and other electrical work needs – Mr. Ackland made note that one of the flashing signs need to be repaired, and that other needs also indicate that an electrician should be engaged to complete this work.

Speed limit sign – The sign at the beginning of Brook Road has been made visible.

Town Office heating – Mr. Cunningham provided information regarding his meeting with a representative from Chuck's Heating. The oil furnace in the Town Office building is approximately forty years old and needs to be replaced for the upcoming heating season. The fan that is part of that system is not capable of distributing the air cooled by the heat pump, and will need to be temporarily replaced as soon as possible. Mr. Cunningham indicated that he will address the fan issue, and that Chuck's will be providing an estimate for replacing the oil furnace with a new propane unit.

There was some discussion regarding working with Lexi Leacock, Energy Coordinator, and her related work on grant applications related to municipal building energy efficiency. The topic will be discussed further with her once she has gathered all the information necessary.

Ms. Schmukal reminded the Board that the Library building needs to have the electric service increased from the current 100 amp configuration. Ms. Klein Corrigan offered to work on a related RPF, with assistance from Mr. Youmell and Mr. Ackland.

Line Striping – Mr. Ackland noted that flooding and weather has delayed completion of the line striping work in the Village, he also reported that a request has been made to L & D for painting white shoulder lines on Inferno, Sugarbush Access, and Roxbury Mountain roads, but that flood repair needs throughout the state will likely delay this work.

Downtown Improvements Grant – It was clarified that these funds are available through Spring 2025.

Covered bridge and Access Road – Ms. Klein Corrigan will contact Parent Construction regarding their providing an updated contract. Mr. Ackland will follow up with Mark Bannon regarding the Sugarbush Access Road work.

Zoning database change letter – The firm managing this database has changed.

MOTION: *Mr. Ackland made a motion to authorize Mr. Youmell as Board Chair to sign the Updated Agreement Document related to the acquisition of gWorks by VMSI. The motion was seconded by Ms. Behn. All voted in favor.*

Pavilion – Ms. Schmukal reported on the funds raised thus far for the pavilion, noting that the deadline for raising the match is the end of August.

Administrative Items

MOTION: *A motion to approve the minutes of the July 11 and July 18, 2023 Select Board meetings passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$12,508.11 passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$84,202.98 passed unanimously.*

Land Use Development Regulations Review

Mr. Ackland raised the issue of impacts created by recent passage of the HOME Act. Ms. Behn

suggested that Brandy (PlaceSense) will provide information regarding any additional changes made necessary by this Act.

Review of the draft LUDRs continued, with the following decided:

- Remove 3107.P
- Remove 3107.R(4)
- Simplify 3107.U(4)(c) to state that when a sign is replaced it must be brought into conformity
- 3108.C – this section should differentiate Standards applicable to site plan approval and those applicable to PUDs, with more restrictive Standards such as bear-proofing only for PUDs

Mr. Ackland will let Margo Wade know that LUDR sections of interest to Sugarbush will be discussed at the August 8 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION: A motion to enter Executive Session in order to discuss legal matters passed unanimously.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 8:10 pm and returned to open session at xxx pm.

The meeting adjourned at xxx pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Chamberlin

The Warren Selectboard

Luke Youmell, Chair

Andy Cunningham, Vice Chair

Bob Ackland

Camilla Behn

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