

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025**

Members Present: Camilla Behn (Ex-officio, Selectboard), Michelle Bennett, Jim Crafts, Jenny Faillace, Dan Raddock, Jim Sanford, Adam Zawistowski
Staff Present: Ruth Robbins, Zoning Administrator; Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary
Others Present: Perry Bigelow, Sam Robinson (MRVPD)

The meeting was called to order by Dan at 7:03 pm.

Approve Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of January 13, 2025 were approved.

Public Comment

Perry Bigelow asked about the amount of data available related to short-term rentals; Dan explained that, while there is data available, he thinks that more information is needed regarding what impact STRs have on long-term housing options. Perry was able to provide some relevant home sales data from the past several years. There was some further discussion of the issue, including the possibility of STR registration fees helping to fund some ADU construction projects. It was agreed that the data needs to be studied further, and that the market changes experienced in the past few years are likely to be long term and have lasting impacts.

MRVPD Annual Data Report

Sam Robinson presented some highlights of the 2024 Annual Data Report; the full report is available on the MRVPD website.

- Environment, economy, community are the three categories
- Population growth
- Median age change
- Emergency and other assistance provided
- Housing data
- Trail use
- Meals, rooms, alcohol tax receipts
- Parcel size and parcel type changes

LUDRs Report

Sharon Murray had provided an update on the progress and Ruth reported that Sharon plans to have report drafted by end of February.

Other Business

Jim Sanford gave an update on the proposed new town garage as he met with Selectboard last week. The Select Board is working to determine ways to save money, as the estimate is higher than anticipated. The Select Board will have an informational session at town meeting and will have a bond vote in a few months.

Jim Sanford also spoke of the list of things from the Public Forum last June which was provided to Selectboard and he suggested that we should get that on the Planning Commission's website. Ruth said she would work with Macon to get it done.

Jim Crafts shared with the Commission the research he had started using the property transfer information from the State's website and was finding some interesting trends. He offered to put together a chart for the members at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Chamberlin, Recording Secretary