

Minutes of February 25, 2025 Meeting

Warren Select Board

6:30 PM

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Members Present: Camilla Behn, Andrew Cunningham, Vice Chair; Devin Klein Corrigan; Luke Youmell, Chair

Staff Present: Jeff Campbell, Fire Chief, Safety Officer; Rebecca Campbell, Town Administrator

Others Present: Nicole Angel, Perry Bigelow, Chris, Colin Clark, Alice Cheney, Jim Crafts, Janet Dandridge, Caitlin Ennis, Amy Greulich, Josh K, Sam Robinson (MRVPD), Karen Sauther

Public Comment

Mr. Youmell provided a statement from the Selectboard regarding the pending visit of Vice President Vance and his family.

Agenda Changes

An item to discuss the logistics of the Vice Presidential visit as well as an update on Bond Counsel information regarding the Town Garage were both added to the agenda.

Vice Presidential Visit

Mr. Campbell explained that not much information is being offered ahead of the visit, but that he has learned that the upper municipal lot will be reserved for emergency service vehicles and that there will be increased law enforcement presence. He noted that people should expect delays, although there have been no road closures announced. It was agreed that updates will be provided when available, through the Town website, FPF, VT Alert, and the Valley Reporter.

Curb Cut – Cassidy Farm Road

Mr. Cunningham explained that this had not been approved earlier, as it was being determined if the driveway's running parallel to Plunkton Road would create any danger from headlight impacts. No complaints have been heard that this is the case, and it was agreed to go ahead with approving a curb cut, with it being noted that plantings may be requested if headlights do become a problem.

MOTION: *Mr. Cunningham made a motion to approve the Cassidy Farm Road curb cut as applied for. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whitehouse, and passed unanimously.*

Town Meeting Preparation

Board members had reviewed with Mr. Adams and Ms. Campbell their roles for Town Meeting, and spent some time at this meeting outlining preparation steps needed for Town Meeting, and associated logistics of topics to be covered. Josie Klein was present to review this information with the Board, and determine at what point in the meeting to address matters such as vacant board and commission positions, a Town Garage presentation, ARPA funding updates, and so forth.

Mad River Planning District Annual Data Report

Sam Robinson provided a high-level overview of the MRVPD's Annual Data Report, outlining that this is data which has been compiled to cover the core areas of the environment, the economy, and the community. He covered some demographic information, data related to assistance provided to residents, information related to home sales and STRs, and some economic trend information. Mr. Robinson explained that this and additional data is available on the Community Dashboard, which can be accessed on the PD's website.

Other Business

Bond counsel update – Ms. Klein Corrigan reported that she had spoken with Keith Roberts, and learned

some more about the costs involved and process to be followed. She noted that she had not contacted any other consultants, and that Mr. Roberts' fee would be \$10K for his assistance with the Town Garage bond work. The letter she received from Mr. Roberts will be shared with the other Selectboard members.

Town Hall Door – Ms. Klein Corrigan reported that an updated invoice had been received with additional labor included, and that payment may now be processed.

Town Hall Steps – Mr. Youmell explained that the area under the existing steps cannot be evaluated until the weather changes, and that he will provide an estimate for the necessary work, including potentially replicating a more historic design, when possible. Ms. Campbell noted that a quote will also be provided by Kevin Van Schaick.

Administrative Items

MOTION: *A motion to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$84,995.71 passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$47,585.15 passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve the Minutes of January 28 and January 29, 2025 passed unanimously.*

An application for a first-class liquor license for Sugarbush was reviewed; as there was no information included indicating the specific location at the Resort for the license, approval was postponed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Chamberlin

The Warren Selectboard

Luke Youmell, Chair

Andy Cunningham, Vice Chair

Camilla Behn

Devin Klein Corrigan

Kalee Whitehouse