

Minutes of August 25, 2026 Meeting
Warren Select Board
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Members Present: Harvey Blake, Devin Klein Corrigan, Jeremiah Kemp

Staff Present: Andrew Bombard, Road Foreman; Jeff Campbell, Constable; Rebecca Campbell, Town Administrator; Ruth Robbins, Zoning Administrator

Others Present: Kevin Begin, Perry Bigelow, Alice Cheney, Chris, Peter Colgan, Jim Crafts, Janet Dandridge, Marilyn Gaul, Randy Graves, Jenn Gubbins, Anne Hyde, Sam Jackson (GMVS), Karl's iPad (2), Chris Kirchen, Linda Levin, Mike Liechlitter, Carl Lobel, Howard Logan, Lisa Loomis (Valley Reporter), John (MRVTV), Michael Miller, Lisa Miserendino, Ben Olds, Quayl Rewinski, Matt Sargent, George Schenk, Richard Vaughn, Jessica Washington, Kalee Whitehouse

Ms. Klein Corrigan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held in person at the Warren Town Offices and online via Zoom.

Public Comment

Perry Bigelow asked if there was a Town Policy regarding how long items may remain at the side of the road – Ms. Klein Corrigan noted that this will be looked into.

Mr. Bigelow then asked about progress with STR rental registrations and work with Granicus. Ms. Campbell reported that some feedback had been sent to Granicus, and that the Town is waiting for a response. It was also noted that other towns with similar experiences with Granicus are being contacted, and that Ms. Newton will be asked to provide a monthly report for August.

Agenda Changes

Consideration of a Festival Permit for GMVS was added under other business.

Highway Department Equipment Request

Andrew Bombard reminded the Board that a truck chassis needs to be ordered well in advance of delivery so it can be built out, and explained that there will be new emissions controls mandated on vehicles in the coming months, and it is unclear what the impacts of those features will have on performance and repair needs. He indicated that it was planned to order a new Western Star in the spring of 2027; but if ordered now, the extra costs and the uncertainty associated with those new controls can be avoided. The truck will need to be paid for when it arrives in the shop to be built out, the warranty doesn't begin until the truck is put in service. Ordering now may mean that the truck is delivered to the shop in December; the funds for purchase are available in the associated capital fund.

Board members agreed that ordering the Western Star several months earlier than anticipated was acceptable.

Mr. Bombard also reported that there are two candidates interested in the open Road Crew position, but neither has a CDL. He is looking into becoming an instructor, as it is difficult to find employees who already have their CDL.

2026 Warren 4th Debrief

Ms. Klein Corrigan thanked Ben Olds and the Rotary for all the work they undertook to plan for and run the Fourth, particularly this year, being the Semiquincentennial, falling on a Saturday, the associated larger than usual attendance, and a period of heavy rain during the parade.

Mr. Olds then presented some information regarding the parade and other festivities, noting what went well and where there is room for improvement. He offered proposals for a new format for theme

selection, noted that better fundraising/sponsorship efforts are needed, and spoke of other possible logistical changes.

The floor was then open for public feedback. Ms. Klein Corrigan read two letters which had been received prior to the meeting, and several of those present offered comments.

Several people spoke of their support for the annual one-day event, noting the sense of community it fosters, the publicity it provides, and the young people it draws to the area. Those in favor of continuing the tradition all agreed that there can always be logistical improvements, and felt that strategies should be put in place to prevent disrespect of and damage to the properties of those who live along the parade route.

Some of those present voiced concerns about this year having less crowd management than in the past, the need to clean up after the parade (in particular from candy dispensing), the ineffectiveness of 'no parking' signage, and the rude behavior of some parade attendees.

Several suggestions were offered for improvements, including barricades where necessary, ensuring that there are emergency vehicles at the end of the parade in order to provide for their exiting if necessary, and seeking ways to promote and inform visitors of local values, respect for private property, and expected behavior both prior to and during the event. These suggestions and others will be included in next year's planning.

The local controversy over this year's parade theme was also discussed, with it being outlined that there will likely be some strategy devised for more local, public input into determining the theme for next year's event.

Selectboard Candidate Interview

Matt Sargent introduced himself and provided some background information. He responded to questions from Board members, which led to a general discussion on the topic of community engagement.

Other Business

Town Garage Update – Mr. Kemp provided an update, noting that bids are being received for welding of the new strainer for the pond, to be completed according to the Fire Code standards for this type of infrastructure. The steel building is in the process of being assembled. A second location for a well was located by dowsing, which will be confirmed by further dowsing work before drilling. An Act 250 amendment is required for this change of well location, approval of which may take a couple of months.

GMVS Festival Permit – Sam Jackson explained that the endurance event this year for students is the same as last year, a portion of which runs through Warren. At any time, there are a maximum of eleven students hiking, biking, or running along the planned route. The route in Warren is from the Sugarbush Inn up to Lincoln Gap, and takes place in the morning. Staff will be out to control traffic and direct students at critical points. Signage will be placed earlier in the week to give advance notice to drivers/residents. Mr. Jackson will also post a notice to FPF.

MOTION: *Mr. Blake moved to approve the Festival Permit for GMVS's student endurance event on Friday, September 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kemp, and passed unanimously.*

E911 Address Change – Ms. Robbins explained that Valhalla Drive had never had the 'Drive' officially added to the name for E911 purposes.

MOTION: *Mr. Blake moved to approve changing the name of the road known as Valhalla to Valhalla Drive. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kemp, and passed unanimously.*

Administrative Items

MOTION: *A motion to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$42,402.16 passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$39217.67 passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve the minutes of July 28 and August 11, 2026 passed unanimously.*

MOTION: *A motion to approve a one-time liquor license for Next Level Marketing for outside consumption for the High Fives Golf Tournament on August 28, 2026 passed unanimously.*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Chamberlin

The Warren Selectboard

Devin Klein Corrigan, Chair

Joel Taplin, Vice Chair

Harvey Blake

Jeremiah Kemp