

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2008
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mac Rood, Chair, Barry Simpson, Kirstin Reilly.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Burt Bauchner, Erin Russell-Story.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Wetmore, Deborah Kahn, Alex Maclay (TV 44) Kara (Valley Reporter), Priscilla Robinson, Gary Bombard, Margo Wade, Richard Robinson, Cindi Jones, Craig Koflach.

7:05 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Rood.

7:06 PM – RICHARD ROBINSON – GENERAL/CAPITAL BUDGET – Mr. Robinson started off by updating the board that the highway department will start to grade the gravel roads when it starts to freeze up. The weather has caused an early mud season thaw causing some roads to be very deep with mud.

Mr. Robinson went through his budget highlighting some items. He suggested that they should increase the culverts/guardrails budget from \$10,000 to \$20,000 so if the town puts in new guardrails then they could hire Lafayette to install them correctly as per state standards. Paving item in the general budget – increased from \$90,000 to \$150,000. The reason for this was Mr. Robinson indicated he would like to pave the West Hill from the intersection of Golf Course over to Inferno which would be about \$60,000. In this request Mr. Robinson asked if an article could be put on the warning to discuss this and paving in general of town roads. He would like to shim 1 ½” base from the Hanks Road up to the Government Road which would be about \$22,000 (236 tons 20’ wide) and reconstruct/pave the section of West Hill Extension from RT 100 to Bridge #24. The board asked Mr. Robinson to come back with a plan on what roads in priority listing that he would pave if the article did not go through at town meeting. Gravel budget up from \$35,000 to \$45,000. Some of the sand allocation comes from Bolton with rock in it and then it is rescreened here and crushed at the town pit which is one of the reasons for gravel budget up as it includes the \$3.00 per yard to crush the gravel. Some of the gravel will be trucked in accounting for the increase. Mr. Rood asked for clarification if the \$60,000 for the West Hill was included in the \$150,000. Much discussion took place on this and the board asked Mr. Robinson to come back with a list of priority list of paving and a decision on how much to put in the budget would be decided. Ms. Reilly asked about the village road and when that will be scheduled. Mr. Robinson indicated it would have to be reclaimed down to get below the sewer manhole covers and then it is a basis on money to do the project. In the Capital Budget under paving Mr. Robinson is asking for \$150,000 to plan on future paving projects such as the Access Road. Sand budget up from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Increase of salt budget due to cost and supply. Mr. Robinson indicated that since October 31st he has used over 306 tons of salt. The other Capital Budget item was the Highway Equipment Account. Mr. Robinson is planning on the

purchase of trading the backhoe in for \$79,000 and in 2009 buying a truck to replace the salt truck for around \$140,000.

7:40 PM – LISTER/MAPPING/CAPITAL BUDGET – PRISCILLA ROBINSON, GARY BOMBARD – Ms. Robinson started out by saying that they did not change the lister budget much; as much of the expense can be covered under the Capital Re-appraisal Account. Last year the consultant line item was transferred to the Capital account. Ms. Robinson suggested that all of her expenses could be covered by the re-appraisal account. Mr. Rood asked about plotter supplies under mapping and Ms. Robinson stated that with the word getting out on the maps that the town would be printing more maps for individuals, developers, etc. Capital town mapping projecting to spend \$30,000 which is money due on a few of the mapping contracts from 2007.

7:40 PM – OTHER BUSINESS –

Letter to Agency of Transportation requesting speed limit change on RT 100 from Ellen Lane to the South end entrance of Warren Village – Kirstin Reilly presented to the board a letter representing the Selectboard in requesting the speed limit change from 50 MPH to 35 MPH due to safety concerns of increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic on this stretch of road.

Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the letter to the AOT requesting a speed limit change from 50 MPH to 35 MPH from Ellen Lane to the South End entrance of Warren on RT 100, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Minutes of December 18, 2007 – Omissions' & Corrections to Grand List – Deferred until next meeting. Not enough voting members present to pass that were present at that meeting.

Minutes of December 18, 2007 – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the Minutes of December 18, 2007, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

New Flow Study -Wastewater Characterization Contract for \$5,000 – Item was approved at the selectboard meeting of December 18, 2007. Motion by Mr. Simpson to authorize Mr. Rood, Chair, as town representative to sign the contract submitted by Forcier Aldrich & Associates, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

2008-2010 – Annual Wastewater System Inspections – Motion by Mr. Simpson to authorize Mr. Rood, Chair, to sign as town representative the contract for annual inspections, 2008 fee \$2,800, 2009 fee \$2,900 and 2010 fee \$3,000, second by Mrs. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:55 PM – PLANNING COMMISSION NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION – CRAIG KOFLACH – The board requested that they would like to meet Mr. Koflach as he is the newly appointed PC member. He introduced himself by telling the board he relocated from Philadelphia PA since 2004 to Warren and is employed by Design Group as a Project Architect. He was asked about what sparked his interest in applying for the position and stated that his interest grew when the controversial Schoolhouse Markets and Rootswork issues evolved. He thought it was time get involved and meet more people in Warren and down the road get elected to one of the elected positions. Warren is a small community and he expressed that this was a way to contribute to a small community. Mr. Rood explained that the PC checks in on a monthly basis with the Selectboard.

8:05 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET – MARGO WADE – Ms. Wade started out by saying that the Assessments & Studies line was fully funded by a grant and there was no match required from the town. However, they did not take into consideration that the grant was allocated into 3 payments. The last of the assessment & studies grant will be received in May of 2008. Hardware and software line item they needed to add \$500 to it as they purchased the GPS unit on December 31, 2007 and did not get the invoice to the treasurer to be paid in 2007. On the management plans line item; in 2007 actual spent on Management Plans was \$7,809 of which 6,500 was funded and the 8,170 that is being asked for is the balance of the contract with RJ Turner who actually summarized and put the plans together and a \$1,000 to cover the Belanger Property survey at Riverside Park the land that was acquired by the town in tax sale. The Conservation Commission estimated that the total project Management Plan Project overall with grant monies, volunteer work from the Vermont Audubon, VT Forest Parks and Recreation and the work done by committee averaged a cost of \$20,000-\$23,000 of the total project the town is spending a little over \$7,000. On the ancient roads line item they carried forward the \$10,000 from last year and to date nothing has been spent. They received a grant for \$5,000 that will help to offset the \$10,000 and the \$10,000 was a number based on what other towns have been doing. Mr. Rood asked if there had been anymore discussion on the ancient roads, and Ms. Wade responded by indicating that the topic had seem not discussed as much.

8:45 PM – LIBRARY BUDGET – DEBORAH KAHN, DEBORAH WETMORE – Ms. Kahn started out by saying the budget is pretty much the same as last year with the exception that salary and benefits are up. Ms. Kahn also reported that the Library received a Grant from the Turrell Fund of \$12,000 for the new Children's Library Planned for in the Town Hall.

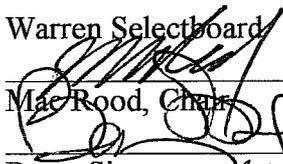
9:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Simpson to go into executive session to discuss personnel and invite Ms. Jones, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

10:10 PM – Motion to come out of executive session by Mr. Rood, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

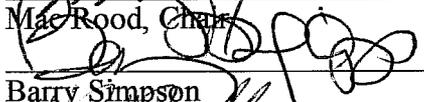
10:15 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Rood, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE:
3-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Ms. Hartshorn-Jones
Warren Town Administrator

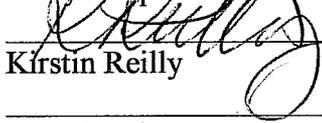
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AGENDA
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7:00 PM – RICHARD ROBINSON – GENERAL/CAPITAL BUDGET

7:30 PM – PRISCILLA ROBINSON – LISTER/MAPPING/CAPITAL BUDGET

8:00 PM – PLANNING COMMISSION CHECK IN/NEW MEMBER

8:20 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET – MARGO WADE

8:50 PM – LIBRARY BUDGET – DEBORAH KAHN

9:00 PM – OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes for December 18, 2007