

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 15, 2008  
WARREN SELECTBOARD  
WARREN TOWN HALL  
7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mac Rood, Barry Simpson, Burt Bauchner, Kirstin Reilly, Erin Russell-Story.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Andrew Cunningham, Richard Robinson, Cindi Jones.

**7:01 PM** - Meeting called to order by Mr. Rood.

**7:02 PM – RICHARD ROBINSON ROAD CREW CHECK IN** – Mr. Robinson reported that while he was out checking the roads that he came across the Sugarbush Pipe line leaking at the base of Bass Tavern hill on Sunday, January 13, 2008. He reported to Sugarbush and the line was shut down and repaired. Looking ahead, the town will need to find out when and what the plan is on replacing the snowmaking line so that paving of the Access Road can happen after the snowmaking pipe is replaced. Currently the pipeline runs under the culverts and with the sinking of the pipeline the culverts have sunk causing some water erosion problems. Mr. Robinson suggested that the village be ground down to 1 ½” and repaved including down to the sewer manholes. He also suggested paving the Golf Course Road at a cost of \$90,000. Mr. Bauchner asked if the board should set up a meeting with Sugarbush to find out their schedule to pre-plan future of paving the Access Road. Mr. Rood will follow-up with Sugarbush concerning the timetable. The West Hill to the Inferno Road would cost around \$60,000 to pave.

Ms. Reilly asked the questioned about waiting on paving the village because of the Safe Routes to School Program that she is looking into. The grant provides funding for infrastructure for sidewalks, speed tables, easements etc and would not be granted until 2010. It is federally funded money with no matching money from the town, and Ms. Reilly indicated that some towns received up to a grant of \$120,000. The first part of the grant would happen in 2009 and includes education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation and engineering. The grant coordinator works with the school, teachers, town and public about walking and biking to school. The second step is to develop a plan of action from the recommendations and public out reach education. Mr. Simpson suggested that possibly using some of the funding to purchase the wood walk way starting at the Brook Road by Beverly Mobis’s and running up to the school. The infrastructure grant can be used to purchase easements. Mr. Simpson also offered the idea of using a rumble strip to divide a walking and biking path and the roadway.

The board asked Mr. Robinson to come back to the board with a priority list of the roads that he would like to pave.

Ms. Jones asked Mr. Robinson about the vendors he plans on using to purchase gravel from next year. Mr. Robinson indicated he would be getting it from the Bolton Pit and

not from Granville Manufacturing. Mr. Robinson indicated that he had planned on purchasing from Bolton because he felt that Granville Manufacturing did not want them in the pit. Mr. Bauchner asked Mr. Robinson how many miles it was from Bolton to Warren and to Granville from Warren. Mr. Robinson indicated that it was about 50 miles to Bolton and 12 miles to Granville. Mr. Simpson felt that the Granville Manufacturing Pit was a good premium source of gravel and that it was important to keep good relations open and that it would cost the town a lot less in fuel, wages, etc to truck gravel from Granville to Warren then Bolton. Mr. Rood indicated that Mr. Robinson should reconsider purchasing gravel for the town from Granville because in the interest of the town, the town doesn't want to pay more money for the product to buy somewhere else because of a misunderstanding. The town would like to get the best gravel for the best price. Mr. Rood suggested having Mr. Robinson ask them how they would like to sell it to us.

**7:40 PM – JOHN MALTER – MAD RIVER SOLID WASTE** - There are 6 towns in the solid waste alliance. They have two solid waste collection days; one is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May and in September. Mr. Malter reported that 17% participants in the hazardous waste collection days are from Warren residents. The alliance collected about 1,000 gallons of chemicals, 3/4 miles of florescent light bulbs, 1100 gallons of hazardous waste, and 1,000 lbs of hazardous chemicals. About 40% of the people who participated this year have never done so which is very encouraging. They continue to offer book recycling for a second year in a row called "got books". The trailer is now located over at the Moretown Landfill operating 365 days a year and they collected about 1.8 tons of books this past year. During the collection days the alliance collected 21.2 tons of tires at \$2.00 apiece. They don't charge for tires if they are collected along the road side during Green Up Day. The two tire collection days are the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May and at the end of September. On the same day the alliance collected up to 14 tons of metal. They also offer Compost bin collection and sold about 72 bins. This prevents and diverts about 18 tons of organic waste to the land fill. There is also an electronic waste collection at the Moretown Landfill and they collected 14+ tons of waste such as computers, TV, VCR's IPODS anything with a plug on the end of it. Then it goes to Middlebury to "Good Point Recycling" where they look at each piece, test it and refurbish any of it and send it out to other markets. Those systems that they cannot salvage are broken down and sold over the internet. In Burlington, Single Stream recycling has expanded and now takes #1 (except #4) 7 plastics, wide mouth tubs, yogurt, and margarine containers can be processed. Any #4 plastic, such as the plastic bags, plastic wraps etc. cannot be recycled as they fly out and it jams up the gears and causes maintenance problems. The Moretown Landfill Inc, provides Alliance residents with the opportunity to bring their recyclables to the facility at no charge.

The rate for Warren is \$2.00 per capita and Warren's cost is the same as last year at \$3,394.00. Other exciting things happening is that The Moretown Land fill is going to be opening up a 4th cell which will be active for about 12-15 years as a disposal area.

Pennsylvania Power and Light are in development to producing generators to process the methane gas at the landfill site and the power will be distributed over the grid. They are developing the landfill as Energy Park with wind turbines and solar panels that can be activated on landfill once the cells are closed.

The alliance became a member of the Product Stewardship Institute this year. The institute includes companies, and local and state governments. Its goal is to examine the creation and design of products to limit the amount of waste that is created. Currently they are working on packaging, tires, paints, pesticides, paints, and thermostats.

Mr. Malter requested that the board re-appoint Mr. Ken Blair as Warren's Representative. Mr. Blair currently chairs the board and is a pleasure to work with and serve on the board and does an incredible job. Mr. Malter would also like the board's support in changing the name from the Mad River Solid Waste to The Mad River Resource Management Alliance. The board was fully in support in Mr. Malter's recommendation in pursuing the name change.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**8:06 PM** – Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2008 – Motion by Mr. Simpson to approve the minutes of January 8, 2008, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:08 PM** – Approval of Minutes from December 27, 2007 – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the minutes of December 27, 2007, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:12 PM** – Certified Local Governments Grant – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to authorized Mr. Rood to sign the grant application, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:15 PM** - Green Mountain Power Pole replacement on Sugarbush Access Road (2<sup>nd</sup> pole up from RT 100) – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve GMP's request for pole replacement, second by Ms. Kirstin Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**8:25 PM** – Municipal Support for Vermont Coalition of Municipalities, Call for Resolution Regarding Education Finance and Property Tax Reform – After much discussion concerning the wording and no solutions, the Warren Selectboard agreed not to sign the Resolution of Support.

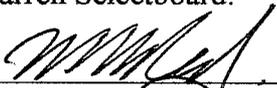
**9:30 PM** – Motion by Mr. Simpson to go into executive session to discuss personnel and invite Ms. Jones, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

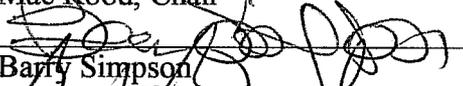
10:00 PM – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Simpson. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:10 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Rood, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

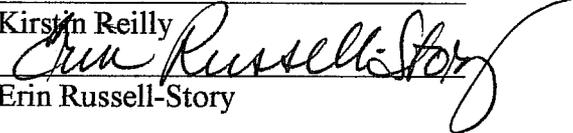
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Hartshorn-Jones,  
Warren Town Administrator

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