

MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2008
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andy Cunningham

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Robinson, Mac Rood, TV 44, Kara (VR), Kinny Perot, Susan Hemmeter, Liza Walker, Margo, Cindi Jones

7:10 PM – RICHARD ROBINSON – ROAD CREW CHECK IN – Mr. Robinson reported that the road repair on the Golf Course Road was almost complete and the crew would be putting top soil on it Wednesday to get it ready to pave. He also reported that the RT 100/West Hill Road section to the bridge has been complete with a new culvert and ready to pave.

Mr. Bauchner inquired about the road section on the Access Road between the Bass Tavern and Gold Hill Road. Indicating that there is hole that is very dangerous for traffic and motorcycles. Mr. Robinson replied that Sugarbush had dug that section of road up to repair a leak in the snowmaking line and never fixed it. Mr. Robinson stated he called Kingsbury Construction several times to fix the hole but never received a call back from Kingsbury Construction. Mr. Robinson used the town grader last week to fill the hole in and prevent further erosion of the Access Road. Sugarbush needs to repair it and put some cold patch in to help stabilize the cut in the road.

Mr. Bauchner requested that Ms. Jones send a letter to Sugarbush concerning this situation. Letter should request immediate asphalt patch repair the road and point out the resort's potential liability problem as the Road Access Permit clearly states that Sugarbush is responsible for any road damage occurring from the leaks of the snowmaking line.

The road crew will begin road side mowing next week. Ms. Reilly had asked the road crew to hold off mowing the road sides until some of the Japanese knotweed was removed. Ms Reilly researched the problem of Japanese knotweed with the state and the only way to get rid of it is to bag it, dry it and then burn it. Ms. Reilly will ask Richard where they could stock pile the bags to let them dry and then burn them.

Mr. Simpson reported on the Gardner Curb Cut on Lincoln Gap Road near Vickery Hill Road and indicated that no application was filed or approved for the upper curb cut location. E.A. Grandfield contractor was on site starting to put one in but is not completed.

Mr. Robinson inquired about cutting some trees down that have been over hanging in the road and the troublesome one is by Steve Dollmeyers on the Brook Road. He also updated the board that the Mr. White and Mr. Weston have been rehabilitating the salt shed. Mr. Simpson also stated that the repairs on the screen were going well.

7:35 PM – CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CHECK IN – Ms. Wade brought to the board a completed grant agreement for the Recreation Trails Project through the National Parks Service. She reminded the board that the grant was for Trails Project on the Eaton Parcel. The total grant is for \$19,210 with a match of \$22,487 which the town has met and spent with the management plans and with in kind volunteer labor. Ms. Wade will work with Ms. Jones on the grant reporting requirements.

Motion by Mr. Simpson to authorize Mr. Bauchner to sign the Grant Agreement, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:50 PM – Green Mountain Transit Agency – Mr. Bauchner received a letter from the Green Mountain Transit Agency requesting from Valley residents possible year-round transportation. Currently the agency receives funds from Sugarbush Resort (\$67,500, The Mad River Chamber (\$9,440), Fayston (\$588), Waitsfield (\$923) and Warren (\$943). GMTA has identified two ways to fund this service; a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for new funds for a new route or the reallocation of existing funds away from winter service to year-round service. A CMAQ grant requires a local match of 20% of the service cost to supplement the 80% of the service costs paid by the grant. If existing funds were diverted from winter service, GMTA would need to secure 10% of the cost of the service from one or more of the towns served by the route.

In order for GMTA to move forward they would require a firm commitment from one or more of the Valley towns to provide the local match, either at the 10% or 20% level. The CMAQ grant applications are due to VTrans in early August. And GMTA would need to know by July 15.

Mr. Bauchner indicated that the town could not allocate funds from the existing budget or commit the town to a funding commitment. The board agreed to put item on the Town Meeting Ballot for voter approval. Ms. Wade figured a calculation of about \$10,000 for the next three years per town. Moretown was not included in this calculation.

8:10 PM – Other Business –

Path – Mr. Rood came before the board at the Path's request to put a bench at Riverside Park. The board all agreed that this would be a nice addition to the park. Mr. Rood also was the Path's representative to contact all the landowners in Warren where the Path runs to help secure easements for the Path.

Survey – Ms. Wade also updated the board that Glen Town, Surveyor, was currently working on the survey for the Belanger Parcel.

8:15 PM – Ancient Roads – Ms. Reilly updated the board on the status of the ancient roads project. The committee had enlisted Ms. Robinson's help and acquired State Road Maps from 1921. Ms. Hemmeter, Ms. Reilly, and Ms. Bennett looked at the discrepancies from the 1921 road map and the Beer's maps. There are four roads that the committees are currently looking at: A possible road by Anna Whiteside's, the end of Ann Burns Road to RT 100, a possible road that goes to the Bundy, and the Old Roxbury Mt. Road. There were two that were on the Beer's map and they are the Road by Anna Whitesides, and the end of Ann Burns Road. These two roads were not on the 1921 Road Map and are not listed on any other road maps. The committee enlisted Paul Gillies to research these four roads to see what the status was and if they had been thrown up properly and the cost would be \$1,000. He was going to research to see if they were ever town roads. There have not been a lot of changes made to the road maps.

Mr. Gillies did indicate that in order to do a mass discontinuance, the town would need to research these roads and find all the roads that could be out there and map them all. So that they would know where they are. The Selectboard could wait until 2015 and vote on the thrown up roads and next years road map until 2015. After that all the other roads not located would disappear. No further action was taken.

8:20 PM – Wastewater Update: Ms. Jones reported that annual engineering inspection has been completed by Forcier, Aldrich & Associates. She is currently working with Simon Operations concerning the recommendations and items that were noted in the report. She also reported that back on June 11, 2008 during the lighting storm, lightning hit the Brooks Field Station, taking out two of flow meters for fields 1 and 2. SOS has diverted the flow to other corresponding fields and repairs are being initiated. Lighting also hit the vericom panel at the Andy Paquin House taking out the control card. A new card has been ordered and SOS is manually pumping down the tank.

8:25 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and invite Mac Rood, Margo Wade, Liza Walker, Susan Hemmeter and Cindi Jones. Second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner that the Selectboard reviewed in executive a proposal by the Kingsbury Farm Committee for the disposition of the property and looked favorably upon it but cannot discuss it in public subject to final contract negotiations and delegate Mr. Simpson to represent the board at final negotiations and to sign off on behalf of the select board as long the final contract is in keeping within the spirit of what was presented to the Selectboard. Second by Ms. Kirstin Reilly. VOTE: 4-0.

9:02 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to come out of Executive Session, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:05 PM – Pitcher Inn Outdoor Liquor License Request: The board agreed to defer until next meeting and invite the Pitcher Inn to discuss the proposed plan. The board

agreed that given the level of interest in the initial liquor permit, this application should be listed as a separate item on the July 8 Agenda.

9:10 PM – Antonnci Dogs – Wayne Youlden, Dog Warden, is out of town, 1st Constable, Peter Laskowaski, was not on duty, so Mr. Simpson was called to retrieve the dogs from running at large at Club Sugarbush. The dogs were running at large at the complex destroying one condo screen door and dragging trash all round the complex. Mr. Antonnci was not available and reported to be out of town. The dogs were picked up and taken to the dog pound keeper and are not licensed. The board agreed to impound the dogs and to assess all fees including pound, warden violations and have the appropriate authorities investigate. Mr. Antonnaci has received letters and previous violations concerning this issue. In 2007, the Selectboard euthanized the sick dog that was running at large and was quarantined to protect other animals at the pound. Mr. Antoncci claimed he gave it away and would not provide any information to the town concerning this dog.

9:25 PM – Mr. Simpson reported on the additional water line to the proposed out building. Mr. Simpson had met with Kingsbury Construction regarding cost and they estimated it would cost \$2,400. The line is 1 ½ plastic and Forcier & Aldrich provided a plan on installation. Ms. Jones wanted to make sure that Kingsbury knows that it needs to be at least 4' down, insulated and well compacted. The board deferred a decision on this until Ms. Jones could examine the budget and see where this could be accounted for.

9:30 PM – Freeman Brook Bridge Tree Update: Mr. Simpson reported on the O'Neill/Perellie trees. Mr. O'Neill provided a signed letter stating that the town could plant the 4 cedar trees on his property. Mr. Simpson spoke to Mr. Ed Reed at the Mad River Garden Center, and Mr. Reed indicated the total cost for the trees and installation would be \$1,000 and The Garden Center would do the installation. Ms. Jones would get back to the board on where the \$1,000 would come out of the budget. It was anticipated that the funds would come from the Highway or Bridges budget.

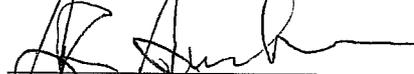
9:35 PM – DPW Applications – All board members are presently reviewing the applications and will take them up at the next Selectboard Meeting.

9:45 PM – Constable Associations Office Space – Mr. Simpson has been speaking with Peter Laskowski about the front apartment space available in the Ruby Blair Building. Mr. Laskowski indicated that the town should approach the Mad River Valley Planning district about logistics. The building has two electric heaters and has two propane boilers in the basement. The Selectboard agreed to have Mr. Bauchner, representative for Warren on the Mad River Planning District, to discuss the possibilities. Someone would have to come up with money to support it this plan as Warren would be providing the space rent free. Mr. Simpson indicated that one benefits is that the Valley Constables would have a meeting space, and that it would save the State Police and the Sheriffs time in processing DWI's instead of transporting them to Montpelier, saving time and fuel. The other valley towns, Waitsfield, Moretown, Fayston would have pay the other expenses, utilities, i.e. phone, LP, and electricity. The town would still continue to pay the sewer fees. Mr. Bauchner will follow up with other towns on this issue.

10:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to adjourn, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Hartshorn-Jones

Warden Selectboard



Burt Bauchner



Barry Simpson



Kirstin Reilly

Erin Russell-Story

Andy Cunningham

AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008
WARREN SELECTBOARD
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7:00 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK IN –RICHARD ROBINSON

7:15 PM - CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHECK IN

7:30 PM – DALE – DOG ISSUE (TENTATIVE)

7:45 PM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 10, 2008

7:50 PM – OTHER BUSINESS
Japanese Knotweed
Ancient Roads