

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 16, 2008
WARREN SELECTBOARD
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Burt Bauchner, Chair, Andy Cunningham, Erin Russell-Story, Kirstin Reilly (7:35PM).

OTHERS PRESENT: Barry Simpson, George Schenk, Adam Greshin, Win Smith, Margo Wade, Kenny Blair, Jim Edgcomb, Caitrin Noel, Rudy Elliott, Kara (Valley Reporter), Bobby (TV44), Jamie Carroll, Cindi Hartshorn-Jones

7:00 PM – Meeting Called to order by Mr. Bauchner.

7:05 PM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2008 – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2008, second by Mr. Cunningham. All In Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:08 PM – HARWOOD UNION/WARREN SCHOOL WARRANT – Motion to approve the warrant for Harwood Union High School for \$1,475,326.00 and the Warren School District for \$1,500,323.00 for the total of \$2,975,649.00, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All In Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:10 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK IN –RAEMON WESTON – Mr. Weston was out of town so Mr. Simpson, DPW, updated the board on the road crew. The town is using lot sand which is a concern due to the type of weather we are experiencing snow/rain/sleet/ etc. There was some confusion concerning what routes were assigned to what road crew member. Mr. Simpson is meeting the road crew on Wednesday to define routes with the road crew members.

7:15 PM – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CHECK – IN – BARRY SIMPSON – Mr. Simpson updated the board that the contractor is back full-time working on the town hall. They have been installing bracing in the attic with 6x6 PT supports. There is a slight bow but bracing will be sufficient to handle it. They have also begun work on building the elevator chase and have excavated a section in the basement floor. They have also removed the ceiling in the basement are beginning work on the structural elements.

Wheeler Brook Bus Pull Off – After some discussion the board was in favor of going ahead with the proposed drawing as provided by Krebs and Lansing.

7:20 PM – ALTERNATE ENERGY TAX PROPOSAL – The board was presented an email from West Hill B&B regarding the state statutes on Accounting and Finance regarding Alternate Energy Tax Proposal. Basically the statute states that by with a public vote that Alternate Energy Equipment i.e. Wind Mills, Solar Power etc would not be subject to property tax. The request was to submit and article in the Town Meeting

Warning asking for a vote on this. Ms. Russell-Story would work on wording an article for Town Meeting as questions were brought up concerning terminology. Such as out door wood boilers would not be exempt from property tax as it is not an alternative to Energy reduction.

7:25 PM – 4x4 OFF ROAD RECOVERY TRAINING REQUESTED USE OF LINCOLN GAP ROAD – JAMIE CARROLL – Mr. Carroll started off the discussion with an introduction of the 4x4 Center. They are an off road driving school and have had classes in the summer at Bolton Valley and they use the Ethan Allen Driving Range. They have had a request from the Dept of Defense for a winter class. They would like to use Lincoln Gap a total of 3 times for a 3-6 day class. They provide the vehicles, instructors, insurance, medical personnel for the class. They have been talking with Lincoln and the Addison County VAST Association over the Mountain as well. The VAST Association would re-groom the road afterward from the top to the bottom, snow banks would be put back up to stop and normal traffic trying to get over the closed mountain. Mr. Cunningham asked about protection of trees. Mr. Carroll responded in saying that they would use tree straps if necessary. Mr. Cunningham also asked signage would be posted to warn people. Mr. Carroll responded in saying that appropriate signage would be posted on both sides of the mountain and the top for warnings to recreational people, i.e. cross country skiers, snowmobiles, Mad River Rocket Sleds and normal sledders. Mr. Simpson inquired about parking and Mr. Carroll stated that they all arrived in 2-3 vehicles provided for this type of training exercise. Mr. Cunningham also expressed that Mr. Carroll should check in with MRVAS on the Warren side and the ambulance personnel on Lincoln Side. Ms. Jones inquired if they planed on removing any snow from the road, which was a highway concern. Mr. Carroll expressed that no snow would be removed from the surface of the road. Coordination of days, times etc would be communicated with Ms. Jones.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the 4X4 Off Road Recovery Center to allow them to conduct a class on Lincoln Gap up to 3 times this winter, the road would be returned to the state it was found in, so that other would not attempt to try going over the Mountain, put up appropriate warning signage for the safety of the public and training of DOD personnel, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:35 PM – Property Review & Valuation Letter – A letter was received from PRV stating that they had accepted the current appraisal and that the questionable lots in Alpine were dropped out of the study as they are small, and some are undevelopable.

7:40 PM – Stone Environmental Summary of 2008 Down gradient Compliance Monitoring Activities was presented to the board. The report summarized data sources, initial conductivity monitoring, sample sites, water quality monitoring methods Compliance parameters for total chloride, Ph, total dissolved phosphorus and the finalizing the QA plan. From the report of activities, all samples taken have been in the compliance range for the towns Wastewater Permit.

7:45 PM – Liquor License for Allyn's Lodge – Sugarbush Restaurants. – Win Smith
Mr. Smith started the discussion off by giving the board an idea of what the lodge would be used for. The lodge would be used primarily as a lunch/warming spot for skiers. They are limited on what they can serve as they do not have running water. They are looking to use it for selling prepared foods such as soups, wraps, coffee and are only serving beer and wine. They also are proposing to use it for limited dinners on selective nights. They will have a licensed bartender and the lodge would be under controlled supervision. Patrons for the selective dinner nights would be taken up in one of the snow cats. Mr. Smith noted that it is no different than the Glen House that has served beer and wine for along time. The Selectboard was primarily concerned about intoxicated patrons skiing down the mountain. Mr. Smith pointed out that there have been no accidents resulting in alcoholic beverages on the mountain. Most skier accidents are experienced skiers skiing out of control and crashing into objects.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Liquor license request for Allyn's Lodge indoor and outdoor as applied for, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:50 PM – LEGISLATIVE CHECK IN – ADAM GRESHIN – The Warren Selectboard welcomed Mr. Greshin to his new position. Mr. Greshin started off the discussion by saying that the full session begins January 7, 2009. The current session has proposed 20 million in cuts and needs to find an addition \$40-50 million to balance the current budget. Some reductions were reduce VSAC Student funding for college loans, reduce state staff about 35 positions, reduction in social services, close rest areas (Hartland, Sharon, Randolph, and Highgate, reduce the days that the judicial system is open. (For complete list log into the state website). Much the states anticipated revenue is down including the gas, rooms & meals, sales tax, and the capital gains tax is down. They currently have a surplus in the education fund from property tax. The upcoming session will also look at how to deal with the structural issues facing the state on its roads and bridges. When the complete legislature is back in session, they will be trying to find more cuts to area to fill the 66 million shortfall. On a brighter note Mr. Greshin stated maybe the Federal Government would step in late January or February to help states deal with this overall economic downturn.

8:20 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHECK IN – MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION – Ms. Wade started the discussion off with Eaton Management plan with a brief history on the contents which contained a vision statement, history of the parcel, forest management, wildlife, a housing component, management goals, describes the parcel in depth. At the end there is a table of action items that assigns different tasks to different bodies of the local government. Ms. Jones expressed that the Conservation Commission have the plans on the town owned parcels in a rotational basis, so that all the parcel action items are due at once. Mr. Bauchner commended the Conservation Commission on their work of this very detailed plan.

8:45 PM – Motion by Ms. Reilly to adopt the Eaton Parcel Management Plan, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

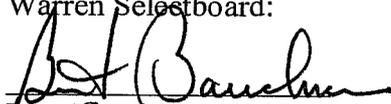
8:47 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to go into executive session regarding real estate and invite Mr. Simpson and Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

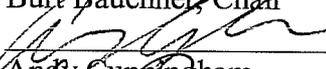
9:40 PM – Motion by Mr. Bauchner to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

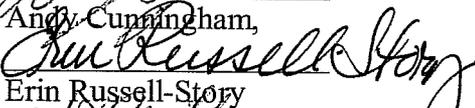
9:45 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cunningham, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

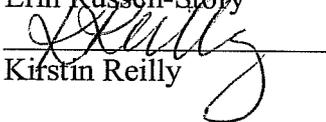
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Hartshorn-Jones
Warren Town Administrator

Warren Selectboard:


Burt Bauchner, Chair


Andy Cunningham,


Erin Russell-Story


Kirstin Reilly