

MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2009
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Cunningham, Erin Russell-Story, Kirstin Reilly.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Burt Bauchner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Priscilla Robinson, Gary Bombard, Margo Wade, Win Smith, Carl Lobel, George Schenke, Deborah Kahn, Deborah Wetmore, Kara (VR), Alex Maclay, TV44). Barry Simpson, Cindi Hartshorn-Jones.

7:10 PM – Meeting called to order by Ms. Jones.

7:11 PM - Motion by Ms. Russell-Story, Second by Ms. Reilly for Mr. Cunningham to Chair the meeting in the absence of Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:12 PM – LISTER BUDGET – PRISCILLA ROBINSON & GARY BOMBARD – Ms. Robinson presented the lister budget line by line. Ms. Russell-Story had a question regarding reduction in salary. Ms. Robinson responded in saying that the appraisal work has been completed and that it was not necessary to hire any additional staff and that lister hours would be down as BCA hearings were over. Mr. Cunningham had a question regarding the line item reappraisal consultant expense of \$4,000. Ms. Robinson explained that it was for hiring a consultant for reappraisal of the condos. Lister Travel is for educational lister training for all the listers. She also recommended that her budget be fully funded out of the Capital Reappraisal Account.

7:14 PM – Town Mapping – The total of \$10,000 included the web hosting and for contract work on the maps. Mr. Cunningham inquired about the 10' contours. Ms. Robinson explained that we currently have some but the mapper is still working on them. Which is about an estimated \$10,000 has been complete and the Department of Public Works has requested some contours. Ms. Robinson explained that there was enough in the Capital to cover the rest of the 10' Contours.

7:15 PM – Lister Corrections – Ms. Robinson also requested that a the board signoff on a corrected copy the BCA corrections which had already been signed off on. However, she requested that the Selectboard initial the corrected correction for the last minute “Robinson Change and Faillace change.” The board initialed the last minute correction.

7:16 PM – SUGARBUSH LINCOLN PEAK EXPANSION PLAN – WIN SMITH, MARGO WADE – Mr. Smith started the discussion off by giving the board some background information concerning the resort. When American Skiing Company owned it there was at peak about 400,000 visits, when the resort changed ownership skier visits were about 272,000 last year they were at 315,000. The resort has focused on the bed base erosion over the years. The new owners built Claybrook with 61 studios from 3-5

bedroom studios. They wanted to focus on a 4 four season resort and get the family crowd coming back to the mountain. Mr. Smith indicated that slope side residence was one of the keys for this family crowd. They started focusing on ski operation amenities offering a friendly approach to the resort. Phase 2B houses the Children's Ski and Ride, along with a café and other programs. The second building is a 2 story and will house the Adult ski and Ride, Rental Shop and other bed rental opportunities. They are making the resort buildings as creek revival with a look of Vermont. The 3rd building is the Discovery Center housing information and sales opportunities. If they are successful in the permitting process, they would start construction in April.

Some issues brought up by the Selectboard were the pedestrian Path from the 22 acre site. Mr. Smith explained that they would like the town to re-evaluate this as with the current plan they are running shuttle buses from the employee site to the resort. Employees also can if they do not want to wait, can walk via access thru snow creek by Club 10 as they have a right of way thru to the resort. Many night working employees park in the lots close to the resort after the Mountain closes. Sugarbush is concerned that to incorporate a pedestrian path as approved in prior permits, it would be necessary to build a very expensive bridge over the impaired waterway of Claybrook. Impaired waterways have many restrictions placed on them by the Environmental Agency. Mr. Simpson brought up the problem with the Inferno Road/Access Road Paving and repairs that were promised by Sugarbush. The Town was very concerned with the Inferno Road paving job that was patched from the installation of the sewer main up Inferno. The town granted Sugarbush a Road Use Permit stipulating that the road be repaved and put back to its original condition. They did not repave the road and it is very hard to plow and apply salt to. The board requested that this be fixed. Mr. Smith acknowledged that Sugarbush would work with the town. Traffic flow at the intersection of Inferno, Access and Village was brought up for discussion. Mr. Smith stated that their consultants did not think the intersection needed to be changed and that a fire truck can turn onto Village Road without going into the other lane. This was left up for further discussion at a later date. Mr. Smith also informed the board for any emergency situation their personnel would be able to clear traffic and help coordinate access to the village. After much discussion, the board thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Wade for their presentation.

7:49 PM – TOWN CLERK BUDGET – RETA GOSS – Ms. Goss could not attend.

7:55 PM – TOWN TREASURER BUDGET – ELAINE FULLER – Ms. Fuller could not attend.

8:10 PM – LIBRARY BUDGET – DEBORAH KAHN – Ms. Kahn started the discussion off by indicating that the 2007 was off by \$2,400 and should have been \$68,390 reducing the increase in the current budget. She also presented to the Selectboard a well detailed expense budget showing all anticipated expenditures and showing all the grants, donations, and contributions by the Friends of the Library. The library is also contributing \$26,377 towards the town hall building renovations for the library. The Selectboard at another previous meeting agreed to use \$45,000 out of the Library Building Capital Reserve Account for structural engineering at the Town Hall to

hold the book stacks. The Library's total budget is \$72,356. Ms. Reilly inquired about the increase in salaries. Ms. Kahn responded in saying that the Library Board had agreed to raise her by \$2,000 Salary and to increase her library staff as well. She explained that a starting librarian with a master's degree starts at \$33,000. She has been with the town for 4 years and the Library Board agreed to this. Her assistant was increased to \$10.75 with an additional 2 extra hours per week to start with the electronic cataloging. The Children's Librarian increased from \$12.50 to \$13.50 and the programs coordinator is at \$12.50.

8:30 PM – CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET – Margo Wade, George Schenke – Ms. Wade presented the budget for the Conservation Commission. Much of the budget represents Management Plan/Trail Operations. She explained that the Heritage Assessment and Studies has been completed and that all funding has been received and the grant has been closed out. Some of the money allocated in the Management Plan line item is for working on the Riverside Park management plan and making revisions to the Austin Parcel Management Plan. The Eaton Parcel has been approved and adopted by the Selectboard. Much of the amount requested is for the Recreational Trail Project on the Eaton Parcel that the town has received a grant for \$19,210 from the Forest, Parks and Recreation.

The Conservation Commission is also requested that the Selectboard put on the Town Meeting Warning an article for the Conversation Commission Allocation of \$20,000. Last year the voters of Warren approved that this should be a separate article to be voted on by the voters.

She also reported that the town will received \$25,000 back from the fund raising efforts of the VT Land Trust from The Town of Warren's original contribution of \$125,000 in the purchasing of the Kingsbury Farm.

8:45 PM – Liquor License Requests –

The Bridges Resort and Racquet Club – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the liquor license application for the Bridges, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Paradise Deli – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve the liquor license application for The Paradise Deli, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Ski Club 10 – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the liquor license application, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Sullivan & Powers Engagement Letter for Auditing – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve the contract of services for Sullivan & Powers for auditing the Town of Warrens Accounts, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Minutes from January 6, 2009 – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the Minutes from January 6, 2009, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:30 PM – OTHER BUSINESS –

Mr. Simpson presented to the board an email that he had sent to VLCT for top priority, ready-to-go infrastructure projects prepared in anticipation of funds being made available through the Federal Governments proposed economic stimulus plan. The items submitted were: Replacement of Bridge 24, Paving Warren Village, and Renovation of Warren's Municipal Office Building.

Mr. Simpson also by request of the board has started to prepare a vehicle Inventory listing with Capital projections for replacement with the assistance of the highway crew.

Mr. Simpson also by request of the board, presented a 4-page report on the rational for relocating the Town Garage to the Austin Parcel.

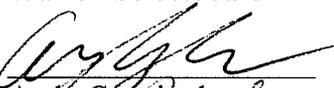
9:50 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session regarding real estate and legal, inviting Mr. Simpson and Ms. Jones, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

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

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

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

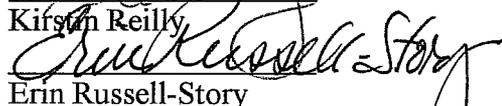
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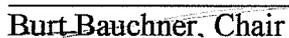
Andy Cunningham



Kirstin Reilly



Erin Russell-Story



Burt Bauchner, Chair

Absent