

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 20, 2009
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Burt Bauchner, Chair, Kirstin Reilly, (7:10PM), Erin Russell-Story, Andy Cunningham (7:50 PM).

OTHERS PRESENT: Rudy Elliott, Nancy Emery, Jennifer Higgins, Raemon Weston, Susan Norstrom, Barry Simpson, Reta Goss, Kara (VR), Cindi Hartshorn-Jones.

7:10 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Bauchner.

7:12 PM – WARREN PLAYGROUP – Ms. Higgins came before the board to request the same amount of funding as last year \$2,500 for the Warren Playgroup. Ms. Higgins explained it is free and open to all families. They do many activities such as swimming at the Bridges, a clay class, music class etc. The playgroup meets a social need for the children and new parents in the area. It is a way for new parents to interact and network in the community before their children reach school age. Mr. Bauchner inquired about how many families it presently serves? Ms. Higgins indicated currently the program has about 20 families and it usually increases to 40 or 50 before the year is out. The group also has a new list of about 180 families on a distribution list. Mr. Elliott inquired if other towns support the program? Ms. Higgins responded in saying that each town has its own playgroup supported by their towns and that they all interact. Mr. Simpson indicated that originally the group was set up with 3 objectives: 1) Public out reach, 2) fund raising and 3) a sibling or family parent had to be present at the class. After much discussion the group hoped that the Warren Selectboard would continue to fund the program in the budget.

7:25 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK IN – Raemon Weston – Mr. Weston started the conversation by indicating that they were getting another price for the body on the proposed new truck for 2009. Mr. Weston indicated that Tenco came back with a very high quote to build the body at \$87,500. They checked with another company called Atec and they came back with a bid of \$79,900. Tenco responded with a lower bid to \$79,943 however it was not the same equipment. Clarks Truck Company has given the town a bid of \$112,271 for the cab and chassis for a grand total of \$192,203 which includes the body. Mr. Weston also had been checking with other towns on truck turnover and in E. Montpelier they turn trucks over every 7 years, Town of Berlin every 8 years, and the State is every 8 years. This truck would replace the 1999 salt and would have a slide in stainless steel sander. The question of funding came up and Mr. Bauchner indicated that it could be possible to fund some from the Capital Town Appraisal Account; however, this requires voter approval.

Mr. Elliott and Ms. Russell-Story commended the road crew for doing a great job on maintaining the roads.

8:50 PM – DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS CHECK IN – BARRY SIMPSON – Mr. Simpson started the conversation off by indicating he has been working on various things. The first was getting a list of infrastructure projects for federal funding to VLCT and to FEMA. There was another grant for possibly purchasing a generator for the Warren Town Hall which requires a 50/50 match. Mr. Simpson indicated it would be similar to the generator that now runs the fire station and the municipal building. It would also take some pressure off the Warren School as it would be another alternate site for people to go in time of emergency disasters. Mr. Simpson has been getting estimates on this but his first priority would be to obtain a generator for the Town Garage buildings. The board was not very supportive in going forward with this grant as it required a 50/50 match. Discussion also did not support a FEMA generator grant for the Town Hall because of its location and access to it during a flood.

9:35 PM – TOWN CLERK BUDGET – RETA GOSS – Ms. Goss started the conversation off by going line by line through her budget. She indicated that dues/subscriptions could be lowered to \$200. She also indicated that the Office Assistant Position could be lowered from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

9:40 PM – TOWN TREASURER BUDGET – ELAINE FULLER – Ms. Fuller was absent so Ms. Goss went over her budget line by line. She was not familiar with the insurance and taxes section. Ms. Jones responded in saying that the insurance is what it is but in some cases was lower as our experience classification rating was very good as the town has not had any accidents. The County Tax has substantially lowered this year as the last year towns had to fund a year and half budget of that budget.

9:50 PM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2009 – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2009, second by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:55 PM – OTHER BUSINESS:

Rapid Response Plan – This is an emergency plan adopted by the Selectboard which states the chain of command, who is responsible, phone numbers and emergency service numbers in the event a major disaster strikes. The board must adopt the plan in order to be eligible for any FEMA funding in case of an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the RRP and authorize Mr. Bauchner to sign the plan, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:57 pm – Annual Certificate of Mileage Certification – This is a annual report filed by the town to the Agency of Transportation certifying the town's road mileage for Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 highway funding. The state receives this report and determines the amount of state highway funding the town receives for its Class 1, 2 and 3 roads.

Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to sign and approve the Annual Certificate of Mileage being filed, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

10:00 PM – Town Representation in Tax Appeals – Mr. Bauchner indicated that Glenn Howland for the firm of Giuliani, Cleveland & McKee has filed an appearance on the town's behalf for defending tax appeals to the state.

Slide Brook Complaint – Mr. Bauchner acknowledge that the board had received another noise complaint regarding the Slide Brook Tavern on the German Flats Road. Ms. Jones responded saying that she had sent a letter to the owners of Slide Brook regarding the complaint filed.

10:15 PM – Sugarbush Application – Mr. Bauchner inquired about how the board felt about the previous meeting with Sugarbush. Mr. Cunningham explained that Mr. Smith had made some good points regarding the pedestrian path and what has been done to help improve this situation for employees parking at the 22 acre site. Mr. Cunningham explained that they have increased their shuttles for the convenience of the employees and that Sugarbush has a right of way through Club 10 and Snow Creek to get to the resort. Mr. Smith had also made the point that Sugarbush is very close in getting the Rice Brook off the impaired waterway list and to construct or build a bridge would be a very expensive proposition and could stop the progress of removing the Rice Brook from the list.

The board was very clear the Inferno Road was to be paved and that the intersection of Sugarbush Access/Inferno and Village would need some modifications for the safety and passage for emergency vehicles to the resort.

10:20 PM – Further discussion on financing the Highway Request for New Truck – Discussion continued on ways to help fund the new truck highway truck purchase. One way was to fund \$150,000 from the Capital Appraisal Account, if the voters approved it at town meeting and finance \$40,000 through a short term note for 2 years. Another option was leasing the truck and making a payment per month. In the end the board had agreed to put an article on the town meeting warning asking the voters to move \$150,000 from the Capital Appraisal Account to the Highway Truck Fund. They also agreed to order the truck, as Clark's stated in the contract that if it was not approved at Town Meeting, then the Town was not obligated to take the truck.

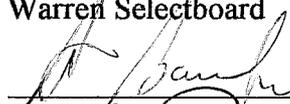
Motion by Kirstin to authorize Mr. Bauchner to sign the contract from Clarks, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

11:12 PM – Mr. Bauchner requested that the Ms. Jones warn the Capital Budget Meeting for next week, Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

11:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Hartshorn-Jones

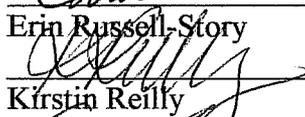
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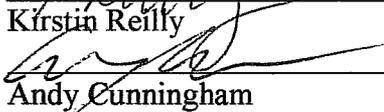
Burt Bauchner, Chair



Erin Russell-Story



Kirstin Reilly



Andy Cunningham