

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2009**  
**WARREN SELECTBOARD**  
**WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Burt Bauchner, Chair, Andy Cunningham, Erin Russell-Story, Kirstin Reilly (7:20pm).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rudy Elliott, Alex MaClay (TV44), Barry Simpson, Raemon Weston, Kara (VR), Adam Greshen, Cindi Hartshorn-Jones.

**7:05 PM** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Bauchner, Chair.

**7:10 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK IN** - Mr. Weston brought in to the Warren Selectboard one of the old white road weight signs that he is requesting to replace. Mr. Weston explained that the weight limit signs protect the town from liability during the spring/mud season. They help to restrict trucks during mud season and are valid from February 15-May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. They would like to have permanent signs made as the old white paper signs are showing their age (tattered, ripped and in some cases unreadable). This does not stop the emergency trucks such as fire, fuel, grain etc. Most heavy construction trucks will call the town garage occasionally to see if the road is passable and the best time to travel it. There are about 10 signs needed at a cost of about \$1,000 for all of them. They would be the type II, reflective state sign standards. Mr. Cunningham suggested that the Road Crew do a phased in approach this year. Buy 4 and put them up on the break-a-way posts. Many of the old ones have been attached to speed limit sign posts which can distract the vehicle operator's eyes from the posted speed limit on the road. After much discussion, the board gave the road crew the go ahead to purchase 4 of the signs.

Mr. Weston also brought in on an information session from VT Local Roads on buying culverts in bulk much like the proposition of VLCT tried to do with buying salt. The session is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**7:20 PM – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CHECK IN** – Barry Simpson- Mr. Simpson provided the board with information regarding the 12:12 Ringing of the Bells in honor of Abe Lincoln. The church will ring its bell, and Mr. Simpson reinstalled the clapper in the bandstand bell, so that a class from Warren School will be down to ring the bell in honor of Abe.

The Warren Town Hall Project has been stalled with the design of the basement windows and getting the right size door with the proper fire rating for the elevator. The elevator door is an unusual size and will take about 8 weeks to get. All structural work has been completed in the attic except for the insulation. Footings are in the basement and the base of the elevator is ready to be poured. This could extend the contract time out until the end of April.

**7:30 PM – ADAM GRESHIN – LEGISLATIVE CHECK IN** – Mr. Greshin updated the board on legislative happenings in Montpelier. Mr. Greshin sits on the Health Care Committee. They have been looking at a single payer universal system, possibility that maybe the federal government takes over the all the Medicaid portion, and how to make the health care program more stable. Just the Medicaid portion takes about ¼ of the general fund. Mr. Greshin sat in on the House Transportation Committee and it looks very favorable that the Towns would be receiving their state highway aid. The state has been looking at many different proposals to balance the budget. The speaker of the House suggested a \$150 million dollar bonding package to fix bridges and roads. Jeb Spaulding suggested a \$120 million dollar package and increasing the fuel tax to help fund it. Another suggestion was increasing the car registration fees another \$15 and decreasing vehicle inspections to every 2 years. Vermont is ranked the worst in aging repair of roads and infrastructure in the United States. Questions on how much of the stimulus package will be controlled by towns. No one knows at this point.

On the tax front the legislature is looking at taking out the income sensitivity, and a possibility of a \$60,000 blanket on incomes. Mr. Greshin may also a co-sponsor on a bill that the State would take over the collection, billing, corrections, answering tax payers questions on the state education tax and relieve the towns of this extra labor intensive burden. There is discussion that the state should take over the special education portions from local schools, so that school boards can't hide behind the special education cost. There is also a proposal out there to consolidate supervisory unions. Much of the administration would be consolidated. The legislature is also taking a 2 week break at Town Meeting instead of a 1 week break. They are hoping that the extra two weeks off would give the Federal Government time to issue the stimulus and from there the legislature would know how much the state is getting and where the best uses would be.

The board thanked Mr. Greshin for coming and updating the board on the VT Legislature's activities. For more information contain bills, general fund status, email the governor, listing of representatives etc, you can go online to: [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us).

**8:11 PM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 27, 2009** – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2009, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**8:11 PM – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR BEAVER POND** – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the liquor license renewal application for Beaver Pond, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0

**8:13 PM – SUGARBUSH MUNICIPAL IMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE** – The board went through the Municipal Impact Questionnaire from ACT 250 answering all the questions that applied.

Motion by Ms. Russell-Story authorizing Mr. Bauchner, Chair, to sign on behalf of the Town of Warren, second by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**8:25 PM** – Mr. Simpson brought up the fact that he did attend the ACT 250 hearing and had voiced the fire department concerns and any road concerns. He did point out that after a simulation with the ladder truck and cones, which a fire truck could turn onto Village Road without crossing the center line. The pedestrian Path was touched upon very lightly with little discussion.

**8:30 PM – FA&A ACT 250 Request for Wastewater Expansion** – The ANR had one question regarding the Coates Gravel Pit Parcel – The ANR wanted to know if the Town would be willing to accept a condition in the permit that states the force main can only be used for the Town garage. The ANR wants to restrict flows through that pipeline to the Town use only, as there is a concern for scattered growth. The Board agreed that it would only be used for municipal use, rather than just the garage.

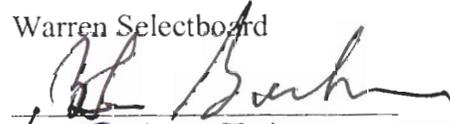
**8:35 PM – Selectboard Report** – Mr. Bauchner asked if all the members of the board had read his Selectboard report. Not all the members had read the report as of Tuesday.

**8:40 PM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING INFORMATION** – Mr. Bauchner inquired about what ideas they had on space to be vacated by the library in the summer. Mr. Bauchner felt that space should be used for a conference room. Mr. Simpson suggested that he would like to put together a survey and present it to the people who actually use the space for their ideas of renovation. The board felt that was a good idea and Mr. Simpson would put together a questionnaire. Ms. Russell-Story offered her assistance in providing Mr. Simpson with a format of a questionnaire that Yestermorrow had used.

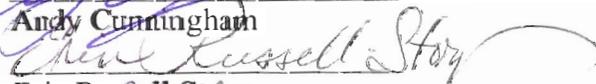
**8:55 PM** – Motion to adjourn by Ms. Russell-Story, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

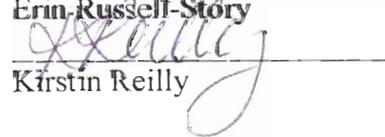
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Hartshorn-Jones  
Warren Town Administrator

Warren Selectboard

  
Burt Bauchner, Chair

  
Andy Cunningham

  
Erin Russell-Story

  
Kirstin Reilly

AGENDA  
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7:00 PM – ROAD CREW CHECK IN – RAEMON WESTON  
No Truck Signs

7:20 - DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Barry Simpson

7:29 PM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 27, 2009

7:30 PM – ADAM GRESHIN – LEGISLATIVE CHECK IN

7:50 PM – OTHER BUSINESS  
Liquor license Approval for Beaver Pond Farm, LLC