

MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2009
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Burt Bauchner, Chair, Andy Cunningham, Erin Russell-Story (7:30), Kirstin Reilly, Matt Groom.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rudy Elliott, Raemon Weston, Bill Peatman, John Barkhausen, Barry Simpson, Alex Maclay, (TV 44), Kara (VR), Cindi Hartshorn-Jones.

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

7:10 PM – HIGHWAY CHECK IN – RAEMON WESTON – Mr. Weston reported that the crew is welcoming the new truck. The current salt truck was out of service because of another breakdown and is now back on the road again. This truck is 11 years old and most towns trade their trucks around 6 years. The state is now trading at 8 years. Mr. Bauchner asked Mr. Weston about why the town did not purchase used trucks as this was mentioned at Town Meeting. Mr. Weston replied that there is a reason why highway trucks are traded for new trucks. Trucks are traded in for a reason, i.e. high maintenance costs and repairs; something major has gone wrong with the truck etc. Mr. Weston indicated that the truck and body suppliers have been notified to go ahead with the purchases.

Mr. Weston also inquired of the board concerning hauling of sand again for the town. Last year's trucking company indicated that they would not be available in the early summer/fall to haul sand. The board decided to put out to bid a contract for hauling sand from Bolton to Warren. Mr. Weston also indicated that Vermont League of Cities and Towns were offering an informational meeting concerning buying culverts in bulk. This would only be for the spiral culverts and not other culverts. Mr. Weston explained that he prefers the spray coated steel culverts for paved roads.

7:30 PM – DPW CHECK IN -- BARRY SIMPSON – Mr. Simpson started out the discussion by updating the board in the Town Hall. The LULU elevator is being installed along with some heating system changes and the plumbing change in the kitchen. He also reported that the State Historic Preservation were coming out to look at the 38 star flag that was manufactured somewhere around the 1890's. There are 3 rows of eight stars and 2 rows of 7 stars. Some stars were hand sewn on afterward. So the flag is really not a true sanctions flag. The flag will be displayed at the Warren Elementary on March 27th and 28th for viewing.

Municipal Building – Mr. Simpson presented to the Selectboard sketches on what the proposed construction phases of municipal building with comments from the employees who work in the space. Mr. Simpson proposed three phases of the construction period. The first phase would involve zoning and planning moving downstairs to the library. The old library space would have a wall built to separate the zoning/planning from a very large meeting room. There would also be a set of stairs going down to the basement from

the planning and zoning so that they could easily store and file downstairs. Phase two would involve some reconstruction of walls upstairs. The present lister office would be for storage of records and the part of the space now occupied by planning and zoning would become the lister's office. The wall located between the stair well and zoning would be another meeting room area. The town administrator's office would be enlarged out towards the present lister office. Phase three would include an elevator, bathroom upstairs, construction for another vault, and adding a wall for the clerk and treasurer. A complete drawing is on the warren website for viewing.

8:00 PM – Rootswork Lease Amendment – John Barkhausen – Mr. Barkhausen presented to the board an amendment to the current lease with the town. The amendment involves changes to the Rootswork by Laws that have not been voted on by the Roots work Board as of yet. The change would involve rewording Article 5 of the lease between Rootswork and The Town of Warren. Rewording: "...written affirmation that no person serving on the lessee's Board of Directors has a direct or indirect financial interest in a sublease of the property, with exceptions as defined in the Rootswork Bylaws, Article 5, Section 2, Eligibility of Directors. While the Town lease is in effect, any changes to the Rootswork Bylaws (RB) affecting RB Article 5, Section 2, and Eligibility of Directors, shall first be reviewed and approved by the Warren Selectboard.

Mr. Barkhausen explained reasons why this needed to be clarified as follows: As currently written the RW bylaws and Article 5 of their lease with the Town could be broadly interpreted as forbidding RW board members from financially participating in their own public projects and events when that participation would be primarily benefiting their organization and the Town. The purposes of the Rootswork bylaw changes affecting the eligibility of Rootswork members to serve as Directors are: to clarify the existing conflict of interest restrictions so that Directors can participate financially in Rootswork, and its projects, in specific ways that are primarily beneficial to Rootswork and our community.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham that the Warren Selectboard is in agreement in principal of the wording and changes after the Rootswork Board approves the changes in their bylaws, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:15 PM – Constable Check In – Bill Peatman – Mr. Peatman came to the board to discuss an issue that there has been some semi-resolved action. If the action has not been taken care of in an orderly and timely fashion, then further action will be taken.

Mr. Peatman is also appointed to the Central VT State Police Community Advisory Board and inquired if there was \$100 available from town funds to help offset the Advisory's Boards Budget. Ms. Jones indicated that the Town could find within the budget for the Advisory Board a \$100 allocation.

Mr. Peatman also submitted an invoice of \$300 for last year (2008) that the board agreed to pay him for gas for nightly patrols. He also suggested that if possible if the town wanted to ask the sheriffs dept. to start to patrol some of the back roads at night.

8:30 PM – TRAIL EASEMENT – KINGSBURY FARM PARCEL – A copy of the Trail Easement was presented to board for review. Most all the board was in agreement with trail easement and that there was one final detail that Ms. Getzinger is waiting on from the Vermont Land Trust. Ms. Getzinger would work on this final issue with the Vermont Land Trust and forward a final copy to the town for recording.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Trail Access Easement and authorized Mr. Bauchner, Chair, to sign off on the Trail Access Easement for The Town, second by Ms. Erin Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0 (Ms. Reilly Absent for vote).

8:35 PM – UNION GRIEVANCE CONTINUATION – The board was presented a signed copy from the Teamsters Union a final settlement regarding the wage grievance between Mr. Robinson and The Town. The Settlement Agreement was drafted up by Mr. Cameron, Town's Union Attorney. The board all reviewed the offer and made the following motion:

Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve and authorize Mr. Bauchner, Chair, to sign the Settlement Agreement for the Town, second by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:40 PM – OTHER BUSINESS:

Sugarbush Revised Traffic Report – The board was presented with a revised Traffic Management Plan dated March 5th addressing some of the DRB and Selectboard issues. The report basically stated that the intersection was adequate for plan as proposed. The report details traffic flows throughout the Lincoln Peak Base Area. It addresses midweek visitors, weekends and holidays, shuttle service, bus stops, and how the resort would use personnel to direct traffic. Also presented was a plan recommending additional signing and pavement markings to improve traffic flow in the vicinity of the four-way intersection, particularly for vehicles approaching the resort. Also attached was a short and long term plan for pedestrian access. Sometime within the next 45 days, Sugarbush will coordinate a meeting between VT DEP Water Quality Division, VT ANR department of Fish & Wildlife, and the Town of Warren to discuss the feasibility of a pedestrian path along Inferno Road between the four-way intersection at Sugarbush Access Road and the Snow Creek Driveway. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the parties' requirements for possible installation of a pedestrian path along this route.

8:50 PM – Sugarbush Chamber Waiver of Fees for Signage at the Information Center (Top Gas) – Ms. Klein from the Mad River Chamber sent to the Selectboard a letter requesting that the Town waive the \$275 meeting fee a DRB hearing on new signage for the site.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to waive the hearing fee of \$275, the Chamber would be required to pay the \$90.00 for the Public Notice Fee, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:53 PM – Town Meeting Day Minutes – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Town Meeting Day (3/3/2009) Minutes, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:54 PM – Approval of Minutes for 3/3/2009 Selectboard Special Meeting – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve the Minutes of 3/3/2009 (Meeting Cancelled), second by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:56 PM – Approval of Minutes for February 24, 2009 – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2009, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:00 PM – Approval of Washington County Sheriffs Contract: Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Washington County Sheriffs Contract with the Town of Warren for 24 hours/week at a yearly budget cost of \$34,900, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:01 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Mutha Stuffer Sandwich Shop – Motion to approve the liquor license for Mutha Suffer Sandwich Shop, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:03 PM - Approval of Liquor License for West Hill House B&B – Motion by Ms. Russell-Story to approve the Liquor License request for West Hill House B&B, second by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:05 PM – Approval of Sugarbush Adventure Games for April 4th & 5th, Sugarbush providing Hunter Security – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Adventure Games for April 4th & 5th, second by Mr. Bauchner. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

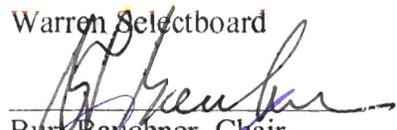
9:10 PM – American Recovery Act Workshops – Mr. Bauchner and Ms. Russell-Story attended two of the workshops regarding this. Ms. Story attended the Energy Workshop and indicated that she already knew a lot about what they had presented. There are still a lot of things to work out regarding how the money will be passed down. The top 10 communities will some of the money and then the balance is divided up on a competitive basis. Some ideas brought out in discussion were possible solar panels on the Town Hall and Municipal Building for alternative energy. Another idea was to look at a possible wind turbine at the 4 corners. No RFP's have been issued as of yet.

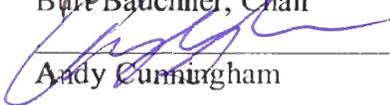
Mr. Bauchner attended a workshop on infrastructure, regarding drinking water systems, municipal sewer systems, bridges etc.

9:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

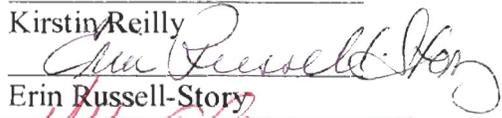
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Ms. Cindi Hartshorn-Jones
Warren Town Administrator

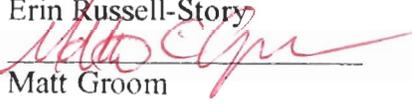
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AGENDA
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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009
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✓ 7:00 PM – WARREN HIGHWAY CHECK IN – RAEMON WESTON

✓ 7:20 PM – DPW CHECK IN – BARRY SIMPSON

✓ 7:30 PM – ROOTSWORK LEASE ADMENDMENT – JOHN BARKENHAUSEN

✓ 8:45 PM – TRAIL EASEMENT – KINGSBURY FARM PARCEL

✓ 9:00 PM - UNION GRIEVANCE CONTINUATION

✓ 9:15 PM – OTHER BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY24, 2009
LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR: WEST HILL B&B
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFFS CONTRACT
APPROVAL OF TOWN MEETING MINUTES