

Minutes of December 8, 2009
Warren Selectboard
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Cunningham, Burt Bauchner, Matt Groom, Ken Frey.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kirstin Reilly

OTHERS PRESENT: Rudy Elliott, TV 44/45 (Bobby), Susan Bauchner, David Thurlow, Clayton Paul Cormier, Barry Simpson, Bill Peatman, Jack Garvin, Virginia Roth, Peter DeFreest, Charlie Snow, Kara (VR), Miron Malboeuf, Cindi Jones.

7:00 PM- Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:02 PM – Mr. Bauchner announced and presented to the members of the Selectboard a letter of resignation from the Warren Selectboard. Mr. Bauchner is resigning because of health reasons. Mr. Cunningham thanked Mr. Bauchner for his time serving 6 years on Warren Selectboard, serving on the Mad River Valley Planning District and serving as the Warren Selectboard Chair. Other members of the board acknowledged and thanked Mr. Bauchner as well.

7:10 PM – Vermont Food Bank – David Thurlow – Mr. Thurlow updated the board on what the Food Bank has been doing with the Kingsbury Farm. They have been making some improvements to the agricultural structure making it into a place with running water for washing, storing, and shipping of food. The big barn is being used for some dry storage. They have an interested farmer that wants to lease the parcel from the Food Bank. They also have been working with the Mad River Path Association allowing them to have parking right by the barn and are in the process of helping to plan a bridge over the Mad River and the Food Bank is planning on doing some river planting along the riparian buffer. They also are doing some renewable energy concepts and have 2 solar collectors up and running that will provide all the power needed to run the farm. They are leasing the turbines from NRG Systems.

The Food Banks goal is to raise as much food as possible. They provide food to 8 agencies in the Valley. The Food Bank is not applying for a tax exception on the property and will be paying taxes on the parcel helping with their share to the community. Mr. Cunningham inquired what was going to happen with the old house. Mr. Thurlow indicated that it will be turned into workforce housing. Mr. Elliott inquired on if people had to pay for the food. Mr. Thurlow indicated that they provide the food to food shelves including the one in the Valley and last year produced over 7 ½ million pounds of food. The Food that the Food Bank provides is free.

7:20 PM – Law Enforcement – Ginny Roth – Ms. Roth came to the board as a business owner to talk about the law enforcement in the village as there have been several including the Warren Store, Roth Real Estate and the Bradley House. She requested that the Selectboard re-look at the hours spent for law enforcement and possibly changing the hours for more law enforcement protection than traffic control. Ms. Jones commented that Warren contracts for 24 hours per week with the Washington County Sherriff's Department. If the Sherriff's department took these break in calls, they can use up the 24 hours on investigation and then there would be no coverage. Currently the Vermont State Police handles all these calls and does the investigation work. Mr. Laskowski commented that if there is a break in, they will respond to it if in the area and will handle it until the Vermont State Police arrives. Mr. Garvin, of The Warren Store commented that overall in the valley and statewide break ins are up. The overall layer of the neighborhood watch, sheriffs, constables, VSP and others need to cooperate more efficiently to make the area safe. Ms. Roth inquired if the hours could be changed to patrol the village more? Mr. Cunningham responded that they can be changed; however, it would push the problem into the other residential areas. Mr. Cunningham responded that about 10% of the budget goes to law enforcement and that he would like to see a plan and recommendations from the sheriff's department before taking hours away from speed patrol. In the conversations it was stated that the business owners could help by getting more alarms and installing more cameras. Area's that can be looked at are improving the 4 units of communication between the groups, look at increasing constables, look at shifting the hours of traffic control for hours between 2:00am-5:00am. Mr. Frey inquired if there were any historical numbers of the cycles and activity the crime. Mr. Laskowski indicated that The Mad River Valley Planning District has numbers for the last 3-4 years on this and are available. Mr. Peatman inquired at possibly looking a some patrol hours from 2:00-5:00am and that as of July 1, 2010 Constables will only be able to do certain things, they will not be able to do arrests. Mr. Laskowski commented that possibly looking for someone long term that would want to go through the certification process. The final conclusions to this issue were: more patrolling for a presence on Main Street, change patrol hours, businesses would upgrade to better security systems, recommendations from the sheriffs department and Selectboard input on how the hours are allocated.

8:30 PM – Warren Fire Department – Pete DeFreest

Mr. DeFreest came to the board to introduce himself as the new acting Fire Chief of The Warren Fire Department. He also reported that Mr. Myles Greenslit is the acting Forest Fire Warden and anyone who needs a permit to burn would call him. Mr. Cunningham indicated that it would be good for the Warren Fire Department to check in on a quarterly basis with the Selectboard.

8:40 PM – Sewer Ordinance Updates – Ms. Jones presented to the board the Warren Decentralized Wastewater Town of Warren Sewer ordinance. Over the past year, Ms. Jones has been working with Mr. Phillips, of Forcier & Aldrich, on keeping the ordinance up to date with the current IDP Permit. Ms. Jones highlighted the few changes to the ordinance and explained them. The original wastewater sewer ordinance was developed and signed by the Warren Selectboard in March of 2005. The Warren Selectboard as Sewer Commissioners will also need to decide who serve as the Selectboard representative for the Wastewater Financial Committee.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the changes as outlined, second by Mr. Frey. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

8:45 PM – Department of Public Works Check In – Barry Simpson – Mr. Simpson reported to the board that the Snow Making Line/Access Road has been repaired and invoiced with the contingency that Sugarbush will come back in the summer and repave where the road settles. He also reported that the Town has received preliminary approval on The Town's Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to replace the culvert on Main Street by the Streeter/Brum residences. Ms. Jones and Mr. Simpson met with Patrick Ross from the ANR to discuss the size of the culvert and he suggested to at least get 2 more quotes for the project.

Mr. Simpson reported that the Energy Efficient Grant Committee comprised of Matt Sargent, Ellen Strauss, Matt Groom, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Jones has submitted a grant for some energy efficient alternatives for the municipal and East Warren School House. He also reported that the trench by the Warren Church will need to be reworked as the adjacent landowner was not happy with all the parking lot run off water running onto her land. Also on the administrative side, Mr. Simpson has defined and reworked the plowing routes of the road crew and is further developing the schedule for the highway capital replacement account.

9:00 PM – Mr. Simpson along with Mr. Clayton Paul Cormier had a request about moving some stone blocks that are in the Town's right of way at a property that is up sale on the Sugarbush Access Road. Mr. Snow and Mr. Elliott recalled that the blocks were put in by the original owner to hold the barn up. Ms. Jones commented that before moving or removal took place, that the landowner would need to contact dig safe, Sugarbush Snow Making Facility Dept, and it requires a road work access permit before proceeding with work in the right of way. Also, Ms. Jones requested that after the work is done that the Warren Road Foreman sign off for erosion control measures.

9:05 PM – Other Business:

MDS Holdings – Pitcher Inn Appeal – Mr. Cunningham apprised the board that the The Town has settled on the Tax appeal with MDS Holdings – Pitcher Inn.

9:08 PM – Old Library Flooring – Mr. Snow presented to the board a proposal for sealing the old asbestos floor and flooring for the old Library space. The proposal contained a price that Ms. Strauss had received from Bisbee's for hardwood flooring and for installing the ice and water shield to seal the asbestos and to install the new flooring. The total estimate was around \$9,500.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the expenditure for sealing and flooring the old library space, second by Mr. Frey. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:20 PM – Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2009 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of November 10, 2009, second by Mr. Frey. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:25 PM – State Tax Education Payment Warrant – Motion by Mr. Frey to approve and sign the State Tax Education Payment Warrant for \$3,067,439 million, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

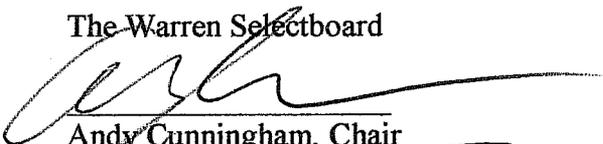
Harwood/Warren School Education Warrant – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve and sign the warrant for the Harwood at \$736,713.00 and Warren School for \$757,106.00, second by Mr. Frey. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

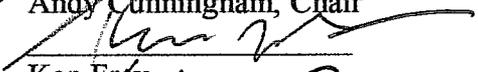
Budget Meetings: The board will meet on December 15, December 22 and December 29 to work on the budget for 2010. Ms. Jones will have all the numbers compiled on a spreadsheet and departments will present a report concerning their budget request.

9:45 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

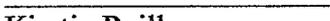
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Ms. Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard


Andy Cunningham, Chair


Ken Frey


Matt Groom


Kirstin Reilly

**AGENDA
WARREN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009
7:00 PM**

7:00 PM – Vermont Food Bank – David Thurlow

7:15 PM – Ginny Roth – Law Enforcement

7:30 PM – Pete DeFreest – Warren Fire Dept.

7:45 PM – Sewer Ordinance Updates -

8:00 PM – Dept. of Public Works Check In – Barry Simpson

8:15 PM – Other Business:

Flooring Approval and Cost

Approval of Minutes for November 10th 2009

VTRANs Kingsbury Bridge Final Approval

Budgeting Schedule/Update – Discussion