

MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2010
WARREN SELECTBOARD
WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:00 PM

Members Present: Andy Cunningham, Anson Montgomery, Matt Groom, and Kirstin Reilly (7:30pm).

Others Present: Barry Simpson, Rudy Elliott, Eileen Pelletier, Sue Carter, Tom Remsing, Dave Sellers, Tim Seniff, Quayl Rewinski, Susan Swenson, Charlie Snow, Alice Cheney, Doug Mosley, Susan Hemmeter, Kara (Valley Reporter), TV 44/45 Alex Maclay, Cindi Jones, Doug Mosle

7:05PM -Meeting Called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:06 PM – Vermont Community Development Final Close out Hearing – Wheeler Brook Project: Eileen Pelletier, CVCLT – Ms. Pelletier highlighted the Wheeler Brook Housing that the Central Vermont Land Trust and many other partners built 18 units which was completed in April of 2010 on the Sugarbush Access Road. Currently all the 18 units are leased except for 5 of the units. She commented that due to the nature of the project and the economy, they were able to incorporate a lot of energy efficiency items at a lower price than what was anticipated.

Ms. Jones inquired about the non-draining fire hydrant and if the management company is doing the required maintenance, testing yearly and submitting a report to the Warren Fire Dept. She did not know but would follow up and make sure that the management company was during the maintenance and to submit a report to the Warren Fire Dept. In the construction process a non-draining hydrant was installed and there were ongoing discussions about changing it to a draining hydrant as what is required by the Warren Fire Dept. The hydrant was all ready set and installed and would have been very costly to remove and replace with a draining hydrant. The Warren Fire Dept sent a letter to the Wheeler Brook Project that the Warren Fire Dept would not be responsible for any yearly maintenance as the hydrant was not what the Warren Fire Dept has required in the original application and Vermont Land Trust agreed to maintain the hydrant.

Mr. Montgomery inquired of CVCLT if they expected to lease up all the units. Ms. Pelletier indicated that they currently have some inquires and possible applicants and felt very confident that they would all be filled.

Mr. Cunningham inquired of Ms. Pelletier that he had heard many thoughts that the project seem to be geared towards low income sensitivity for people that are making under \$32,000 a year. Ms. Pelletier responded that they look at incomes between the 30-40% incomes when making rentals because the project receives tax credits. Mr. Cunningham commented that it was a great project and looked very nice esthetically to the area.

7:25 PM – Tree Removal – A petition was received from a few town residents regarding the tree's to be removed as follows: Brum maple tree, 2 trees between Peatman and Miserendino, and 1 over hanging on power lines at 115 Main Street (Marincic). Mr. Simpson explained that he spoken to the owners of the trees about removing these trees and had the owner permission to cut and remove the trees. The tree located at Brum's needs to be removed due the culvert replacement. FEMA will replace with another maple tree. The tree leaning on the power lines at 115 Main Street is the responsibility of GMP as it poses a danger of falling on the lines and causing fire. The trees located on Town owned property across from the Town Hall between Peatman's and Miserendino are leaning over Peatman's garage and leaning towards the Miserendino property. If they fall on top of the properties, the Town is liable for any damages done by these trees as they are an impending danger and liability. The town tree warden has already inspected these trees and concurs.

Mr. Remsing inquired about the liability. Mr. Cunningham responded that if they fall on Ms. Peatman's garage or Miserendino property, the Town is liable for any damages occurred. Mr. Remsing commented that it was a good use of Town resources. Mr. Cunningham inquired of the cost and Mr. Simpson has received quotes that they could be removed for under \$1,100.

Ms. Hemmeter arrived late and presented to the board information on what the duties of the Tree Warden was, and brought many brochures on the laws of trees in public rights of way. There was some discussion on interpretation and the board acknowledged Ms. Hemmeter comments concerning this issue. She was briefed by other participates in the tree discussion regarding the safety and liability issues of these specific trees. She also inquired of the tree cutting on the Cross road and if the Town was going take of the stumps. Mr. Simpson responded in saying that the Town had land owner permission to cut the trees. He also stated that the trees were removed and drainage added to help keep that section of road from becoming a mud hole. He stated that the Town had cut the stumps as far as they could as some of them contained barbed wire. The crew also has seeded and mulched the area.

7:40 PM – Safe Routes to School Grant – Kirstin Reilly presented to the public and board a plan on what the town will be applying for in the Safe Routes to School Grant. She discussed that the Safe Routes to School Team has met numerous times looking at ways in developing a safe route to school. The first round of funding that the school received was for education. This second round is for infrastructure changes and is due in May. There was a meeting with an engineer, Mr. Goyette from Stantec, Steve Gladcheck from Central VT Regional Planning, Barry Simpson and Ms. Jones that was held last Thursday for a site walk through and discussion. The initial first priority considerations were as follows: Radar feedback signs in 3 permanent locations. One just as you arrive into town by Trout Hollow Road, one at the south end of town by the Covered Bridge Road, and one just before the Dump Road. The design is where the speed limit is on the top and the driver speed flashes below it at the oncoming driver. They would be installed on breakaway posts as all other VTRANS signs are mandated to.

Mr. Seniff inquired on the cost and maintenance and how they were going to be paid for. Ms. Reilly responded that each sign costs about \$7,000 and once installed the town would be responsible for any ongoing maintenance and that a federal grant is paying for the cost.

Mr. Sellers inquired if the Safe Routes to School group had looked at the 2004 feasibility study that was prepared concerning sidewalks, cross walks, speed reduction measures etc. Ms. Reilly responded that yes they and the engineer have looked at the study and that the group looked at visual curbs, striping, no striping, speed tables, rumble strips, brick patterned cross walks etc. She also commented that the highway dept and that some truck drivers, motorcycles did not like speed tables or speed bumps.

The second priority was a feasibility study for a pathway with a green space strip located on the right side of school road. The greenway path strip would be off the current pavement separated from the existing roadway. The green strip would provide an inviting use and way to access the use of the recreational opportunities for bikers and walkers located at Brooks Field and to the Warren School. The Town already owns a strip on the right side of School Road and the neighbor at the bottom of School Road on the right is in favor of this.

Mr. Seniff commented that he thought Brook Road and School Road is already wide enough and that parents should teach their children to be aware of their surroundings when walking to school or to the recreational fields.

The third priority was looking at Brook Road/Intersection of Main Street by Alta. In the 2004 study it was looked at placing a sidewalk on the south side of Brook Road to the school. Mr. Snow commented that the Town would have to ask permission and secure easements to build a sidewalk up that side of the road. Ms. Reilly responded that many of the owners alongside the south side of Brook Road did not seem to be opposed to sidewalks. Ms. Cheney commented that sidewalks are visually ugly and that it again is the parent's responsibility to teach their children respect for responsibility and respect of traffic along a roadway. Ms. Reilly commented that this was a feasibility study that would look at possibly reconfiguring a sidewalk on the North Side of Brook and at School Road to the School. Mr. Sellers commented that when the Path was open that kids would come down the path and walk through his place of business through the Pitcher Inn Parking lot to the Warren Store. He had no objections allowing kids to use this again. Mr. Sellers inquired about the Path to the Warren School and Ms. Reilly responded that at this time the Path is not included in this study due to not knowing the outcome of the Path at this time. Ms. Reilly reiterated that this second round grant application process was not for work to be done, but for the feasibility study and the radar feedback signs.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to give support to the Safe Routes to School grant and to sign a letter of support for this part of the grant application, round two. Second by Mr. Groom. All in favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:33PM – Warren Fire Dept – Doug Mosle – Moving Repeater/Transmitter in Sugarbush Fire Station – Mr. Mosle President of the Warren Fire Dept, reported that the Warren Fire Department has finally received its FCC License for the repeater. Currently there is a dedicated phone line that runs about \$300 a month. By upgrading the transmitter at Sugarbush and at the Main Street Fire Station, it will save the town about \$3,600 per year. The signal strength is 4 times and the Warren Fire will be able to communicate directly with the Vermont State Police. The fire department did not budget for this expense as they have been applying for the license for about 3 years. The current FCC will expire at year end and all repeaters/transmitters will need to be upgrade to digital by the year of 2012. They also did not budget for tires for E1 or for certifying the ladder trucks. Mr. Cunningham also commented that the Warren Fire Dept would be required to check in quarterly.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the upgrade and moving of the transmitter for the Warren Fire Dept, and install as necessary for the upgrades not to exceed \$4,000, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Mr. Snow informed the board that the air exchange in the Main Street Fire Station in the boiler room needed to be re-hooked up as it was disconnected and is now not up to code. The board was in favor of getting the electrical damper of the HVAC system fixed and operational. Ms. Jones would call Collins Electric to repair.

8:40 PM – Approval of Municipal Planning Grant – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Municipal Planning Grant signed by Mr. Ketchel of the Warren Planning Commission, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:45 PM – Approval of the Minutes for April 13, 2010 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2010, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:49 PM – Approval of Warrants for April 27, 2010 for \$10,306.85, 4/20 for \$623.10 Tax Appeals, and \$10,223.90 for other accounts payables – Motion by Ms. Reilly to approve and sign the warrants, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:50 PM – Resolution to Approve Curb Access Road Cut for a Private Road off Coleman Road – The law firm of Olenick and Olenick presented to the board a resolution for a Curb Cut Access off Inferno Road, TH #48. The Warren Selectboard had previously adopted the pre-existing curb cut policy that grandfathers properties that were developed prior to January 1989. It does not address a situation such as this one, where the curb cut to the town road from Coleman Road existed at the time of the development of this lot. Coleman Road is located between Wildfire and Triview. This request is that the Selectboard acknowledge that Coleman Road is a legally existing private road with a legal curb cut to Inferno Road, Town Road 48. This acknowledgement would be recorded in the Curb Cut book under the name of the road, so that the issue would be resolved for other searchers.

Motion by Mr. Groom to pass and sign the resolution for Coleman Road, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:05 PM – Department of Public Works – Barry Simpson – Road Access Permit – Felix Von Moschzisker – Mr. Von Moschzisker is requesting a curb cut access permit off the Roxbury Mountain Road. Mr. Simpson has looked at the proposed access and indicated it would be built to grade to the Roxbury Mountain Road and would be level with existing contours and it satisfies site distance requirements and it is opposite another road cut. Mr. Simpson is asking for approval of this curb cut access.

Mr. Groom inquired why it could not come off Shady Lane or the other road that previously exists from the sub division. Mr. Simpson indicated that the area was very steep and that the road would be very steep and that there is a septic replacement field that exists in that area.

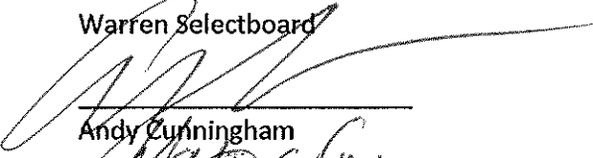
Mr. Cunningham was concerned where the proposed access hits the Roxbury Mountain Road as it is on a downhill grade and just below the guard rail. Mr. Simpson indicated that access was the best location and seems to have plenty of site visibility.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the Road Access Curb Cut for Felix Von Moschzisker off the Roxbury Mountain Road, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

11:00 PM – Motion by adjourn by Mr. Cunningham, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

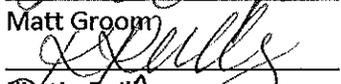
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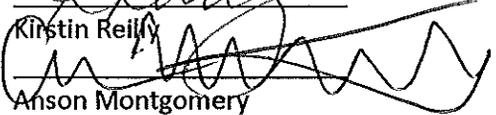
Andy Cunningham



Matt Groom



Kirstin Reilly



Anson Montgomery

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Warren Municipal Building
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- ✓ 7:00 PM – Vermont Community Development Final Close Out Hearing – Wheeler Brook Project
- ✓ 7:20 PM – Safe Routes to School Grant – Kirstin Reilly
 - Sidewalk proposed In between Main St (TH #4 & Flat Iron Road TH #21),
 - Proposed cross walks – on Brook Road TH #1, Flat Iron Road TH #21 & Main Street TH 4.
 - Radar Feedback signs on Brook Road, Warren VT. Town Highway # 1
 - Feasibility Study for possible Path on the East Side of Brook Road TH #1.
- ✓ 7:30 PM – Warren Fire Dept – Doug Mosley – Moving Repeater Transmitter in Sugarbush Fire Station and Tires for Engine One.
- ✓ 7:45 PM – Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2010
- 7:55 PM – Dept. Public Works – Barry Simpson
 - ✓ Road Access Permit – Felix Von Moschzieskier
 - ✓ Sale of 1995 Mac Truck –
 - Structural Engineering Discussion on Municipal Building and East Warren School House
 - ✓ Tree Removal– Brum Maple FEMA, Trees leaning over Peatman Garage & Central GMP Power Line, Tree – leaning over Power Line by 115 Main Street (Marincic)
- 8:00 PM – Susan Swenson - Personnel
- 8:10 PM– Other Business