

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
July 6, 2010
Warren Municipal Building
4:00 PM

4:00 PM – Setting the Municipal Tax Rate – Education Rates Have Been Set By the State.

4:15 PM – Authorizing Hiring of Two Road Crew Employees

4:30 PM – Sugarbush Access Road Culvert Project

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Members Present: Andy Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Matt Groom, Vice Chair.

Members Absent: Kirstin Reilly, Anson Montgomery

Others Present: Kenny Blair, Elaine Fuller, Sandra Brodeur, Barry Simpson, Cindi Jones, Kara (VR)

4:05 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

4:06 PM – Setting the Municipal Tax Rate – Education Rates Have Been Set by the State.

Mr. Cunningham started the discussion off by stating the State had set the Non Residential and Residential education Tax Rates. The Non-residential was set at \$1.2925 and the Homestead Tax Rate was set at \$1.1567. The board had no jurisdiction over the state rates as they are governed by the Town's Grand List and CLA. The total Town Expenditures voted at Town Meeting is \$2,544,898. As of 6/30/2010 the Town has received \$189,295 in revenue, anticipated receipts are estimated at \$142,933 and unanticipated grants total of \$151,000 for total revenue of \$483,228 for a Net Town Expenditures of \$2,061,670 divided by the grand list of \$7,790,000 verified from the Listers for a municipal tax rate of \$0.2647.

Motion by Mr. Groom to set the municipal tax rate of \$0.2647, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor:
VOTE: 3-0.

4:20 PM – Authorizing Hiring of Two Road Crew Employees – Mr. Simpson apprised the board that Mr. Simpson and Mr. Weston agreed on two candidates for the Road Crew positions. They are Mr. Andrew Bombard and Mr. Elwin Chambers. Both applicants will start in two weeks from 7/6/ 2010 and are the Road Crew Level II rate of \$17.60 per the Teamsters Union Contract with the Town.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to hire Mr. Bombard and Mr. Chambers at the 2nd level rate and description as stated in the Union Contract, subject to completion of background checks, DMV Checks, Drug and Alcohol testing and a letter from Mr. Robinson on his official retirement date, second by Mr. Groom.
All In Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Five Ways Farm State Appeal Refunds – After discussion and advice of the Town's Attorney, the board agreed to credit Five Ways Farm's 2008 tax refund to their 2010 taxes and any remainder would be credited from his 2009 tax refund and the remainder would be returned to Five Ways Farms in a check from the Town to close out the two refunds.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to credit Five Ways Farms 2008 refund to the current 2010 tax bill and credit any remainder from the 2009 tax appeal refund towards his 2010 taxes and issue a check for the remainder, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

4:30 PM – Sugarbush Access Road Culvert Project – Mr. Simpson presented 3 proposals from GW Tato Construction regarding the replacement of 17 culverts in conjunction with the replacement of the snow making line by Sugarbush. The first proposal was a total of \$89,882.50 which did not include any armoring for the outlet of the culverts. The second proposal was for \$134,841.11 which included the armoring which increased the asphalt paving quite substantially. The third proposal was for \$97,689.91 which was for minimal armoring. Mr. Simpson indicated that the third option was easier to obtain as many of the culverts stick out too far over the edges, and many are too deep. This option would put the culverts at a shallow level, where they would take the old material out and store at the town pit, and compact to a new level as shown on the diagram by Mr. Simpson and then add the 2" minus stone.

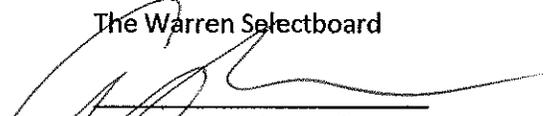
Discussion took place on the three proposals and the board conscience was that proposal three was the best as it had minimal armoring and that the board would like some clarification regarding road closure from Tatro. Also after discussion concerning the restoration or repair of the headwalls, the board would like Tatro to restore the head walls as they are now as it is included in the Sugarbush contract with Tatro. After Mr. Simpson meets with GW Tatro on Wednesday, a final motion will be made on this. Mr. Cunningham inquired of Ms. Jones about the financing of the project. At this time, Ms. Jones has found a majority of the financing in this year's budget, however, she did not have the final number from Tatro, but in a quick run of numbers, she felt she could find the additional \$10,000. Much of the project materials after working with Mr. Weston were in stock or within the current budget. It does mean that work on the Fuller Hill Road would be postponed until next year.

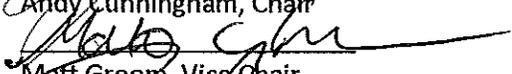
Mr. Ackland inquired about the letter as drafted from the Town from the pre-construction meeting. Mr. Cunningham indicated that the letter was fine but would discuss at the next Selectboard meeting.

5:05 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andy Cunningham, Chair

Matt Groom, Vice Chair

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