

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

- ✓ 7:00 PM – Public Hearing Regarding Flood Hazard Regulation: - Purpose of this amendment is to revise the provision of Warrens Land Use and Development Regulations related to Special Flood Hazard Regulations.
- ✓ 7:15 PM – PC Check In – A member of the Planning Commission
- ✓ 7:20 PM – Organization of an Energy Committee – Anson Montgomery
- 7:45 PM – Approval of Minutes for August 10, 2010 and July 27, 2010, ~~August-17, 2010~~
- ✓ 7:48 PM – Festival Permit Approval for App Gap Promotions LLC (Green Mountain Stage Race) September 3, and September 5.
- ✓ 7:50 PM – Selectboard Letter to Sugarbush Concerning Pavement Patch on the North Side of The Sugarbush Access Road Where the Sugarbush Snow Making Line is being replaced.
- ✓ 7:55 PM – Approval of Warrant (Accounts Payable of the Town of Warren)
- ✓ 8:00 PM – Mad River Path Temporary Easement for Construction of the Clay Brook Bridge & Trail Project – Autumn Foushee – Director of the Mad River Path.
- 8:20 PM – Other Business

****Agenda Subject to Change Last Minute***

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Members Present: Bob Ackland, Andy Cunningham, Chair, Matt Groom vice Chair, Anson Montgomery, and Kirstin Reilly.

Others Present: Alex Maclay & Ethan (TV 44/45), Michael Ketchel, Autumn Foushee, Lizzie Hewitt (VR), Craig Klofach, Barry Simpson, Cindi Jones.

7:05 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:06 PM – Public Hearing Regarding Flood Hazard Regulations – Craig Klofach – Mr. Klofach, a member of the Planning Commission, explained that the Planning Commission has already had their public hearing regarding the new flood hazard regulations and that the Warren Selectboard is required to have its hearing from the public regarding these regulations. This change is only an administrative amendment to bring the town in compliance with the new FEMA and the National Flood Insurance regulations state wide. This amendment incorporates the change into the Town Plan to be in compliance so that if there are any homeowners in a designated flood plain, it allows them to be able to purchase flood insurance.

Mr. Cunningham inquired if it had anything to do with fluvial erosion? Mr. Klofach commented no, that fluvial erosion is another matter and that the Planning Commission would not take up any action on this until after the Town Plan was updated and that they expected public comment as fluvial erosion can have a lot of restrictions.

Mr. Ackland inquired if there was someone already in the designated flood plain map area, would these changes affect them now? Mr. Klofach commented no it would have no impact. An example was the Kingsbury's Farm and the green houses that are being built in the flood plain. Mr. Klofach commented that agriculture is exempt from the flood plain regulations.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the administrative changes regarding the new FEMA and National Flood Insurance Program regulations, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:15 PM – PC Check In – Michael Ketchel – Mr. Ketchel addressed the board that the Planning Commission is currently working on updating the Town Plan. The Planning Commission has re-adopted the old Town Plan so that the Town could meet state requirements to apply for any state grants. The Planning Commission was in consciences that they would wait until the census data is complete so that the Town Plan would have up to date precise census data. They are currently taking each chapter one by one and have had the Conservation Commission in for comments as well.

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Mr. Cunningham inquired if the Planning Commission was considering any information in the Town Plan regarding energy alternatives. Mr. Ketchel commented that the Planning Commission has been talking about it but currently the Public Service Board has full jurisdiction over projects such as wind towers, solar collectors etc. Mr. Ketchel did comment that the Town Plan will have some language to promote alternative energy sources as some Towns have language that does not allow energy alternative sources. In these cases the Public Service Board is over ruling the Town Plans. If there is some language in the Town Plan, the Public Service Board tends to consider what the town wants. Currently zoning does have some special restrictions in place such as towers are exempt, there is ridge line protection and meadow land is prohibited on building. However, the Public Service Board can overrule current zoning regulations.

Mr. Cunningham also clarified concerns about the Ruby Blair House. Mr. Ketchel commented that in the Town Plan under Master Plan for Municipal Facilities, it addresses what the long term plan was for the Ruby Blair Property. It could be a town green or a space for a new library, or parking but was indicated that the building would be torn down. Mr. Cunningham inquired if the Planning Commission could work on getting some cost estimates for tearing the building down and Mr. Ketchel commented that there might be some grants available for this. The Planning Commission would take this task on as the budget season is coming up and that the Town does have tenants renting for another year.

7:30 PM – Organization of An Energy Committee – Anson Montgomery – Mr. Montgomery reported that he has four confirmed people interested in being on the Energy Committee. They are Jessie Stole, Matt Sargent, Dan Raddock and John Norton. Mr. Montgomery also presented a draft of the mission statement as follows:

To help the town best utilize its energy resources both in the short and the long term by advising on improvements to current assets and assessing and recommending new projects.

This committee would meet quarterly and have open public meetings with warned agendas to invite public awareness and comment. Mr. Anson thought ideally the committee should have a member from the Planning Commission and a member from the Selectboard. Mr. Klofach commented that having a member of Planning Commission on the committee would be a benefit as they know the zoning regulations and the Town Plan. Mr. Cunningham thought it would be good that Mr. Montgomery be on the committee but that he would be an alternate and vote only if there was not enough to make a quorum vote to present energy alternatives to the Selectboard. The Energy Committee would only be an advisory board only.

Mr. Groom commented that he was concerned that he did not want to see this committee be another layer of government in the planning process as what has recently happened with the Conservation Commission. He was not against a committee and thought it was a good idea but wanted to make it very clear on what the committee is and does.

Mr. Simpson commented that the committee as stated by Mr. Ackland at the last meeting should also work and interact with other valley wide organizations on valley wide projects as well.

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Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the organization of a energy committee with the clear intent to help the town best utilize its energy resources both in the short and the long term by advising on improvements to current assets and assessing and recommending new projects; interacting and coordinating with other valley wide energy committees, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to appoint the following members to the energy committee, Matt Sargent, Dan Raddock, Anson Montgomery, Jessie Stole, and John “Skoash” Norton. The committee will consist of five voting members, and Mr. Montgomery will serve as an alternate and vote only if there are not enough members to make a quorum and it will be one-year terms that expire in March, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:55 PM – Festival Permit Approval for App Gap Promotions LLC (Green Mountain Stage Race) – Mr. Cunningham recapped the board that Mr. Kessler had come to the board to discuss the stage race and ask approval to use the roads for the race along with having the time trials here in Warren the same as last year. Mr. Kessler has presented his festival permit to the board and has been working with people that have had problems in the past. The format is the same as it has been in the past and per his organization all emergency departments have been notified. The Stage Race takes place September 3 and 4th.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the App Gap Promotions LLC (Green Mountain Stage Race) under the direction of Gary Kessler, and to authorize Mr. Cunningham, Chair, to sign the permit, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:00 PM Mad River Path Temporary Easement for Construction of the Clay Brook Bridge and Trail Project – Autumn Fourshee – Ms. Fourshee presented as required by the Federal Highway Administration a temporary easement for construction of the Clay Brook Bridge Project for the Town of Warren to sign. The easement is only valid until the bridge is completed or to the end of the grant period, whichever comes first. The grant period is through December 31, 2011. The Path plans on trying to complete the bridge by October 2010. Ms. Fourshee commented that the Conservation has not yet sent back their comments regarding this easement as they are doing a management plan for the parcel. Ms. Jones commented that the Selectboard would not be meeting for another two weeks, and that the board should authorize the chair to sign, as not to hold up the Federal Highway Administration since the Path is waiting for the Conservation Commission for comments.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to sign and authorize Mr. Cunningham, Chair, to sign the temporary easement pending the Conservation Commissions comments, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

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8:05 PM – Selectboard Letter to Sugarbush Concerning Pavement Patch on the North Side of The Sugarbush Access Road where the Sugarbush Snow Making Line is being replaced – Mr. Cunningham gave a little background on this concerning the pavement. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Ackland had attended the pre-construction meeting and in the meeting Mr. Lisai wanted the Town to provide them with their expectations regarding what the road will look like in the fall and in the spring. Mr. Ackland drafted a letter that was reviewed by the board addressing the Town's expectations. The board agreed to send the letter as written and reviewed.) Ms. Jones suggested that Mr. Weston be the Town Representative regarding the pavement patching as he has over 20 years experience in this type of work before and after.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to authorized Mr. Cunningham, Chair, to sign the letter from the Warren Selectboard board, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:14 PM – Warrants – Accounts Payable for the Town of Warren – Bills – Motion by Mr. Ackland to sign the board warrants as presented, one for repayment of the Tax Anticipation Note, and warrants for 8/17 and 7/12, 2010, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:17 PM – Approval of Minutes for August 10, 2010, and August 17, 2010 – Motion by Mr. Groom to Approve the Minutes of August 10, 2010, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of August 17, 2010, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:18 PM – Other Business –

Status of Sugarbush Snow Making Line – Mr. Simpson updated the board that the snowmaking line is 3/5th complete and that the road closure is over. They did make a bus provision that allows the school bus to do its AM and PM run. They have 2 more culverts to put in which is by Alpine Options and recently patched pave 4 of them.

Gorman Brothers plans on chip sealing the East Warren Road this week, weather permitting.

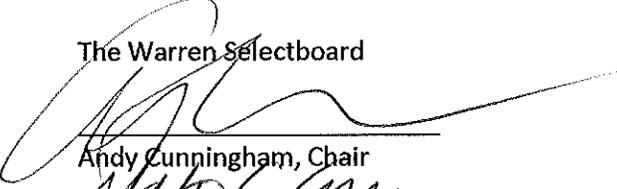
Walk, Bike to School – Ms. Reilly announced that with school opening on Wednesday to watch for children walking and biking. The first walk and bike to school day with start on Friday, September 10, 2010 and will continue on Fridays.

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8:30 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Ackland, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

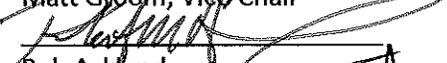
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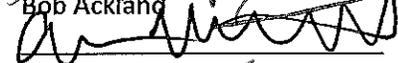
Andy Cunningham, Chair



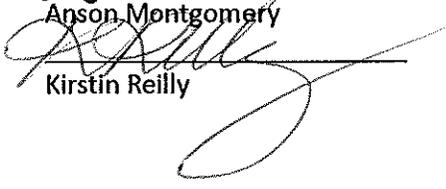
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Town of Warren Energy Committee

Mission Statement: To help the town best utilize its energy resources both in the short and the long-term by advising on improvements to current assets and assessing and recommending new projects.

Organization: Five members, ideally with one each from the Select Board and the Planning Commission. Meets quarterly in an open session. Minutes and a summary of current projects to be delivered by email or other written communication to the Select Board and other appropriate or interested parties.