

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
7:00PM

7:00 PM – East Warren Road Complaint – Doug Ricketts & Lawyer

7:15 PM – Road Department Update – Ray Weston, Road Foreman

7:30 PM – Approval of Minutes for August 24, 2010, July 13, 2010

7:32 PM – Approval of Warrants (Accounts Payable for the Town of Warren)

7:33PM – Other Business

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Warren Selectboard
7:00 PM
Warren Municipal Building

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

Others Present: Rudy Elliott, Doug & Susie Ricketts, Jason Ricketts, Ray Weston, Patty Sue Carter, Kara (VR), Tony/Jim (TV 44/45), Cindi Jones

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

7:06 PM – Doug Ricketts – East Warren Road Compliant – Mr. Ricketts came to the Selectboard to express his complaints regarding the new surface on the East Warren Road and the Green Mountain bike race. He explained to the board that the surface was very dusty and that the dust from the chip seal material covered his vehicles, plugged up his mother's oxygen filters, covered his computers and printers. Along with the dust compliant he expressed that right in front of his house there is a rough spot that needs to be fixed as when several trucks hit it, it creates a very loud noisy condition. He had called Mr. Simpson to see if a slow construction sign, water, or chloride could be put down to help the condition. There was no response to his request. He expressed that the neighborhood could have been give some clear consideration on what was going to happen with that kind of surface of the road. He also inquired of the board if there were any bid specifications on this project?

Mr. Weston responded that yes there were bid specifications for the project. However, due ACT 60/68 a majority of the money from Warren goes to Education and that leaves a short fall in money to properly maintain the current class 2, class3 and some class 4 roads. He explained that Warren has 26 miles of pavement and on a typical year, a town should be maintaining their paved roads at 5 miles per year. However, due to the shortage of money as a majority of money goes to education, the Town can only afford to pave one mile a year and municipal budgets and infrastructure suffer the most. So with this ongoing crisis, the Selectboard and highway department has to look for other greener, less costly ways to maintain the paved roads and get more for what little money is available in the Town Municipal budget. The Selectboard chose this method as the Town was able to pave more than a mile for its available money.

Mr. Elliott commented that when he worked for the Town many years ago, that this type of reclamation process was high in maintenance because of the tar bleeding through in the summer hot months.

Mr. Groom commented that the Selectboard chose this method of road maintenance as a good faith effort to keep taxes down and get more for the money available.

Mr. Cunningham commented that the new surface will really be tested next year when RT 100's reclamation and paving project starts. If it holds up well and is durable, then it could be looked at again to be used for the last mile to the Waitsfield Town Line. Also discussed was the invoice received from Gorman for \$129,720.00. Many were not happy with current problem spots especially by Ricketts, where the train broke down. There are a few other spots that have slight problems but the worse area is by Mr. Ricketts House. Mr. Simpson, Gorman Representative, stated in an email that they plan on sending a crew down to patch and smooth out the area. Mr. Cunningham will also discuss with Gorman the dissatisfaction of the reclamation/paving job and will notify Gorman that the invoice will not be paid until some satisfaction or resolution has been resolved. Mr. Ackland commented that the contractor should be held accountable and agreed with Mr. Weston that they should not be paid. Mr. Groom also commented that if the project is not good quality, then the town should not have to be plagued with problems down the road from a poor quality job. Mr. Montgomery commented that if the Town decides on proceeding to do the same with the last mile of road next year, then the contractor needs to address the problems with the East Warren Road in a professional manner. All seem to be in agreement that the road was of poor quality and that payment should be withheld until resolution by the contractor.

In Closing Mr. Ricketts also expressed his complaint of bike riders biking late at night before the time trials the following morning. He commented that they were in groups and on the wrong side of the road not being considerate to other vehicles on the road.

The board thanked Mr. Ricketts for coming in and expressing his comments.

7:35 PM – Highway Crew Update: Ray Weston – Mr. Weston started out with the job on Lincoln Gap that has been and closed out for reimbursement from the state. The project took a little more time than what was estimated as road crew replaced 5 culverts and had to put in a 1000' of under drain as the current under drain was rusty and rotted out. They also replaced another failing culvert on Lincoln Gap just beyond Mr. Keefe's and two failing culverts on the Senor Road. The crew also has working on screening the bank run sand and have screened about 3000 yards and have received about 2200 yards are usable and the rest would be used for drainage. They also have hauled in 400 feet of drainage stone that will be mixed with the round stone that they presently have for mud season. Much of the drainage stone they did have stocked piled for spring was used on the Sugarbush Access Road Culvert Project. The crew also has been out mowing roadsides when weather is permissible and they have about 100 more miles of roadside to mow. In October they will be working on getting all the trucks ready for winter maintenance. Mr. Weston reported that the new truck has been up to Clark's several times for the same problem that is being covered under warranty. He has been keeping document records as well as Clark's on this ongoing problem. He commented that as you travel about town, you will see some ditches that are partially ditched as this has been fill in work when the weather is rainy. He also reported that there is about 3000 yards left of the gravel purchased from E.A. Grandfield and it will be stored at its present site.

Mr. Cunningham inquired if the crew has been set back in their summer maintenance items. Mr. Weston responded that the Fuller Hill Project has been deferred until next year along with Blueberry Dam. The Fuller Hill project will require gravel from Grants driveway up to Fuller Hill Farm Road. They were not able to do any ditching and erosion control as they were out of drainage stone due to the large volume used on the Access Road. The crew expects to be out grading in the next few days in between the rain storms as some roads have potholes. Also the crew spent a good week on fixing and cleaning up areas from the heavy rain storms.

Mr. Cunningham also inquired of Mr. Weston his concerns on the Access Road for winter plowing maintenance. Mr. Weston responded that he has concerns as there are 1" to 2" asphalt edges on the right side of the road that the plow will catch on and in turn damage the plow truck. His suggestion was that it would need to be paved/shimmed from the all the construction being done on the Sugarbush pipeline. There is over a mile of torn up road to be discussed with Sugarbush. Mr. Weston calculated that to drag shim that section using a ½" including on top of the present patches, it would cost around \$40,000.

Mr. Ackland commented that the board should get this discussion on the table now with Sugarbush before they just go ahead and patch along side of the road.

Mr. Cunningham inquired of Mr. Weston about the East Warren Park & Ride. Mr. Weston responded that the highway crew was not going to be able to do this project as originally thought. He suggested that since it is a shovel ready project with grant money available, that it would be more beneficial to hire a contractor to do the project. Mr. Cunningham also inquired about Blueberry Lake. Mr. Weston responded that "no" that project would not be done this year. The board thanked Mr. Weston and commended the crew on doing a good job in maintaining the roads.

8:10 PM – Approval of Warrants for 8/25 and 8/27 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the warrants of from 8/25-8/27, second by Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:16 PM – Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2010 – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2010, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0. (Mr. Ackland and Mr. Groom were absent from both those meetings)

8:17 PM – Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2010 – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the Minutes of August 24, 2010, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: 5-0.

8:25 PM – Other Business:

DPW – Barry Simpson – Sugarbush Access Road – Mr. Simpson reported that after all the requests regarding the Sterling Brook Culvert and paving that Sugarbush has decided to stop replacing the snowmaking line just before the Sterling Brook Culvert. Given the problems of going over and around that 6' culvert, Sugarbush decided it was going to more cost effective to stop before the culvert and reconnect to the old snowmaking line. They will be redirecting the addition 1700' of snowmaking line going down Gold Brook Road where they have three leaks and will install it in the same fashion as the rest of the snow making line that has been installed. They are leaving about 1200' of old pipe that will not be replaced.

Sugarbush also is extending Tatro's deadline to October 8th, as their current contract expired on September 17th, 2010. The board did not seem to have any problem with the extension as the remainder of the snowmaking line is on a private road.

8:35 PM – East Warren Park & Ride – Mr. Simpson obtained a proposal from S.T. Paving Inc. for adding gravel, shur pac and grading the municipal park and ride. The total proposal is for \$13,500. Mr. Montgomery commented that he felt that the Town should receive 3 bids on the project even through the money is a grant. Mr. Simpson reported that S. T. Paving has given various other quotes for other projects throughout the year and with winter coming on that the Town is running out of time to get this shovel ready project completed by December 31, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the proposal from S. T. paving, Inc for adding gravel, shur pac and grading at the Municipal Park & Ride, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: 4-1 (Mr. Montgomery against).

MRVPD Representative – Ms. Reilly announced to the board that she is stepping down from the board do to other obligations. Mr. Ackland volunteered to fill the position on the Mad River Valley Planning Board as Warren’s Selectboard representative. The Mad River Valley Planning District meets every 3rd Thursday of the month.

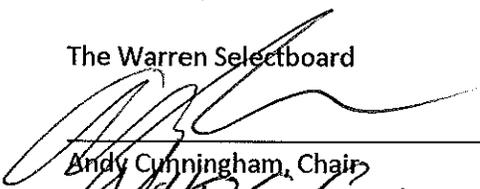
8:47 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss personnel and invite Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:55 PM – Motion by Mr. Groom to come out of executive session, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

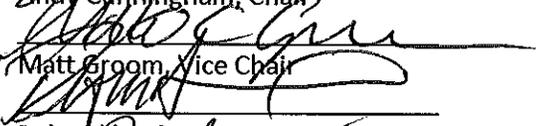
9:57 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

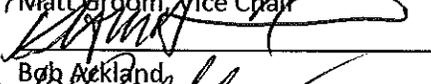
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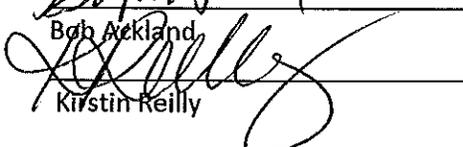
Andy Cunningham, Chair



Matt Groom, Vice Chair



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