

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, October 26, 2010
7:00 PM
Warren Municipal Building

7:00 PM – Conservation Commission Check In – Caitrin Noel, MRPA Autumn Fourshee – Riverside Park Management Plan

✓ 7:25 PM – Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2010

✓ 7:27 PM – Approval of Board Warrants – Accounts/Bills of the Town of Warren

10/12/2010 \$ 8,018.57, 10/20/10 - \$ 77,193.23

7:30 PM – Green Mountain Power Petition – to relocate said poles as depicted in Sketch along Lincoln Gap Road -

7:35 PM – Other Business

7:40 PM – Continuation of Performance Reviews –

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

Others Present: Barry Simpson, Ray Weston, Carol White, Damon Reed, Margo Wade, Autumn Fourshee, Kara (VR), Jim TV 44/45, Cindi Jones, Rudy Elliott.

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

7:06 PM – Carol White, Road Use Permit – Ms. White came to the board to request approval of a road use permit to allow to work with in the town right of way to install drainage around her house. Ms. White explained her plan concerning the excess water that comes into her house. The drainage line would come out of her house, located on 136 Brook Road, and would run along the front of her house to a dry well.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Road Use Permit for Ms. Carol White, with the stipulation that she or her contractor would be responsible for any damages and repairs incurred to the town water/sewer lines that run along the side of Brook Road, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0

7:10 PM – Green Mountain Power Petition to relocate said poles as depicted in sketch along Lincoln Gap Road – The proposed petition involves moving several poles to within the Town Right of Way, for easier accessibility and maintenance. Green Mountain Power has spoken the property owners involved in the pole relocation. Mr. Reed inquired if they were going to take down the old poles. Mr. Cunningham, responded that yes they usually take down an old poles and remove them. Mr. Weston and Ms. Jones reviewed petition and determined that the pole relocation would not affect any town maintenance of the road.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Green Mountain Power petition for pole relocation on Lincoln Gap Road, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:15 PM – Approval of Warrants for Accounts Payable, Bills of the Town – The board reviewed 3 warrants as prepared by the treasurer. Questions were asked of one or two expenditures and Ms. Jones verified the expenditure.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the warrants as presented, 10/26 for \$ 24,007.60, 10/20 for \$77,193.23 and 10/13 for \$8,018.57, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:20 PM – Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2010 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2010, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:25 PM – Other Business:

Bank Run Sand Hauling – Mr. Cunningham noted that the bank run sand hauling contract has been completed with an amount of 6326 yards hauled by Newton Construction, with a total of 7617 yards, which includes 763 yards hauled by the Town and 528 yards hauled by Black Rock Coal.

Roads Discussion – Mr. Ackland commented that the Town needed to have a report on the status of all the roads in Warren and develop a plan to move forward. This would include a comprehensive detailed explanation on the conditions and status of the current roads that Warren maintains. The explanation would look at the needs of the roads, the dollar amount to fix a road today, and the future projection of fixing and maintaining the roads. The board and road department need to figure out a structure and move forward so that this can be explained to the taxpayers. The highway budget is the largest piece of the town budget.

Mr. Ackland also commented to the board that Mr. Win Smith had met with Senator Leahy at the visit to Sugarbush and approached Senator Leahy about seeing if there were any federal funds available for repairing the Access Road and paving it. Mr. Smith shared his thoughts with Mr. Ackland who was told to contact Mr. Ted Brady in the Senator's office in Montpelier. Mr. Brady would then contact Mr. Schwartz at the Mad River Planning District. There was a comment made about there might possibly be some funds available from ½ million to 1 ½ million. However, the Planning District would have to look at the total scope, value, and benefit to the Mad River Valley as a whole. If this money was used for the repairing roads, is calling in this chip in the best interest of the Valley. The Planning District would be looking at this.

The board did not feel that the Access Road was brought back to what it was originally or improved. Mr. Ackland inquired of Mr. Weston what his comments were on the Access Road. Mr. Weston commented that the current Access Road pavement was developing cracks in the pavement. The best cost efficient project would be that the entire pavement would need to be reclaimed and removed as when the large cracks begin to develop, water begins to seep into the cracks, causing them to get larger and undermine the road. Then fix the road properly with a good gravel base, repair all the guardrails, and then prepare it for paving. The cost estimated to repair the road could be somewhere between \$3-4 million dollars. A through cost analysis would have to be done. Can it be done in phases? Mr. Weston indicated that it would all depend on money. Mr. Weston did express that the shape that Access Road is currently in would require a lot more salt to maintain it to a proper safe level.

Mr. Groom also agreed with Mr. Ackland that the town needed to create an accurate plan for maintenance and a financial plan for getting the all the town roads up to the standards they should be for maintenance.

7:35 PM – Conservation Commission Check In –Ms. Noel was not present so Ms. Wade, Mr. Reed and Ms. Foushee from the Mad River Valley Path Association were present to check in with the select board. Ms. Wade started off the discussion that the Conservation Commission has been working on the management plan for Riverside Park. The Commission looked at the history, geology, geographic attributes and the basic habitat to evolve a plan. The Commission has been looking strongly at disallowing dogs at the park as they have been receiving strong public comments and comments from an adjoining property owner. The Commission has been struggling with this issue. The Commission has been working with the Mad River Path on this issue as the path is looking for an alternate off leash location for dogs. The Path has been looking at the town owned parcel located by the Kingsbury Bridge. The Path as also been working with Sugarbush as the land containing the Sugarbush Pond is a place where currently some people do let their dogs off leash. However, Sugarbush has been concerned about the liability of this if they established an off leash dog area at the Sugarbush Pond. The Path has been researching the possibility and in talking with other towns the liability issue is covered under the town's policy. Mr. Cunningham inquired of Ms. Foushee about other towns they have contacted. She commented that they have talked with Montpelier who has an off leash park at Hubbard Park and in Essex they have an off leash area at the Indian Brook Reservoir and have had no liability issues. Mr. Groom inquired on what this area would look like. Ms Foushee commented that it would be whatever the town wanted it to look like. It could be a fenced in area, with landscaping and it would have a sign stating rules and the owner's responsibilities. Mr. Cunningham inquired on how big of an area? Ms. Foushee commented it would have to be quite large and it could provide access down to the water. Currently all dogs are required to be on a leash on the all the Path. Mr. Groom inquired on how they were going to fund this project? Ms. Foushee commented that the Path would seek grant funding for the fence and also network to fund raise.

Ms. Reilly commented that she like the Riverside Park open to dogs. As it is a place where families and their dogs hang out by the River and it is used quite frequently. Mr. Reed commented that there have been concerns about dogs having interactions in the water with other people and wondering off. Ms. Reilly commented that a survey could be done at Town Meeting for people to express their comments about this type of off leash area and voice other concerns. This is an issue that the town should take comment on and this would be away to for citizens to voice their concerns and ideas. The board agreed that they did not want make any decisions on this and Conservation Commission now had some direction on which way to continue to develop the Riverside Park Management Plan.

8:05 PM - Department of Public Works – Barry Simpson –
Access Road – Mr. Simpson updated the board that project is coming to completion. They plan on paving all the culverts on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. Sugarbush also after much discussion will be removing the entire old pavement where the blowout was last year and continue 100' down to the culvert. It will be a large rectangular area. Mr. Ackland inquired what Mr. Weston thought of the paving being done on the edge of the road. Mr. Weston commented that this type of paving is hard to do as it is all done by hand and it is very hard to smooth out and the material that is located under the pavement has not been compacted adding some low spots and high spots. Mr. Ackland inquired of Mr. Weston on how long would this stay? Mr. Weston commented that once it freezes and thaws that it will start to come up.

8:20 PM – Park and Ride East Warren Community Market – Mr. Cunningham inquired of Mr. Simpson on the status of this project. Mr. Simpson commented that S.T Paving plans on starting next week hauling in the shur pack material, grading and leveling the area. Mr. Cunningham explained that because of all the extra projects that the road crew has been doing, that they did not have the time to complete this project. Mr. Weston commented that this was a shovel ready project with grant funding, which allows another company to work on it and help stimulate the economy to put people to work.

Energy Grant Comment – Charlie Snow – Mr. Snow came in to the meeting to express his concern about using cellulous instead of foam. He commented that the area currently is an area that is very hard to work in and that every time someone goes up into these areas' it is constantly disturbed and makes the working environment difficult for employees and contractors who have to crawl up into the space to work. Mr. Snow called several companies and offered to meet with one to discuss other insulation possibilities. After much discussion, it was left that Mr. Simpson and Mr. Snow would at least meet with the foam contractor and discuss this possibility.

Energy Committee Update: - Mr. Montgomery reported that the Energy Committee had held its first meeting and were planning to meet every other month.

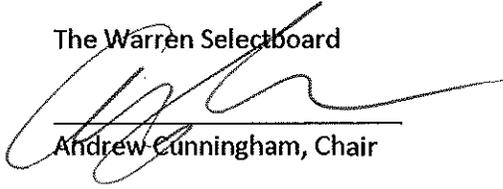
8:45 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session for personnel reviews inviting Mr. Weston and Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:12 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

10:15 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Montgomery, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

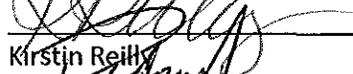
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Town of Warren Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andrew Cunningham, Chair

Matt Groom, Vice Chair



Kirstin Reilly



Bob Ackland



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