

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
August 23, 2011
Warren Municipal Building

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8/22 = 7610.52, 8/18 102,520.53
8/15 = 7807.61, 8/12 = 11,344.76

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8/23 - 654,550.00

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8/23 18,986.83

Total =

\$ 802,820.25

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

Members Absent: Anson Montgomery

Others Present: Ray Weston, Fred LaRock, Rudy Elliott, Kara (VR), Jim (TV44/45), Cindi Jones, and Barry Simpson.

6:30 PM – Site Visit – Jose Urdeneta – Shepard Hill Road – Re-Visit prior decision of Plowing Class 3 Road to house – Present at site visit were Ray Weston, Cindi Jones, Andy Cunningham, Bob Ackland, Barry Simpson, Cindi Jones and Fred LaRock. Back in 2008, the Warren Selectboard after agreement had changed the plowing to stop at the bottom in the field where the town created a turnaround. Mr. Urdeneta has requested that the town continue to plow the house. Mr. LaRock stated that Mr. Urdeneta pays a lot in taxes and spends a lot of money and does not get any services. He has cut a few trees to enlarge a turn around and Mr. Weston asked Mr. LaRock to cut down one last scrub of a pine tree.

7:00 PM – Meeting convened – Shepard Hill Road – Mr. Cunningham call the meeting to order for further discussion on plowing Shepard Hill Road. Mr. Ackland commented he had no problem if there were no safety issues. Mr. Weston commented that the Town does need to do a little ditching but he had no problem with plowing it where the Town Road stops. Mr. Cunningham commented that we could try it for a year and see if there are any problems with it.

Motion by Mr. Groom to resume plowing Shepard Hill Road, Class 3 Road, to where it ends .40 miles, if safety issues present develop then the board would revisit this next year, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:15 PM – Sugarbush Access Road Slump – Wrap Up – Mr. Simpson reported that the slump project is now complete for around the price tag of \$178,000.00. Mr. Cunningham commented that the area does look good.

Mr. Simpson also reported that Gorman has called asking the Town if they can hold off for another year on paving the East Warren Road from Cider Hill Road to the Waitsfield Town Line. Gorman has been experiencing mechanical breakdowns and their current projects have been deferred out into the season. They state that they would be able to do it the job in early or mid June of next year. They also have inquired if the Town had a place to store the chips for the winter. Mr. Ackland commented that the chips are their responsibility and they should have to remove them. Mr. Simpson indicated that they would have to put a tarp over the stone. Mr. Groom was reluctant in assuming responsibility of the chips because the tarp could blow off and they would get contaminated from leaves, dirt and other elements. Mr. Weston inquired if Gorman was going to be responsible for patch paving the two culverts crossings. The board discussed that they could do it next year IF: Gorman came and took the chips away, pays for pave patching the two culverts. Mr. Simpson would call Gorman and give them the board's decision.

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Main Street Culvert – Mr. Simpson reported that Kingsbury Construction has started the project, however, when they ordered the culvert the culvert band is very light and is not as durable as the ones that the Town gets. The culvert is the correct size and gauge. Kingsbury Construction thought they could come up with some other way to modify the band to make it work so that the two sections do not come apart. The board directed Mr. Simpson to go back to Kingsbury Construction and have them find the correct band whether it be from another supplier that they were not going to deviate from the actual plan.

8:00 PM – Other Business

Mr. Ackland reported that he has taken on the task for establishing a long term road status, maintenance plan. Along with Mr. Ackland, the group consists of Mr. Weston, Ms. Jones and Mr. Simpson. To date the group has met twice and have decided to order a program from the AOT from Maine as they a nice, simple program that is supported by them. Ms. Jones would take the lead on this.

8:12 PM – Approval of Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the warrants as presented for \$802,820.25, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:15 PM – Sugarbush Paving Agreement – Mr. Cunningham reported to the board that Mr. Ackland and he had met with Sugarbush to come up with a fair equitable agreement concerning paving repairs along the Access Road. Sugarbush pursued two vendors to provide a price on 31 tons to repair the areas that were disturbed by the pipeline construction. The amount settled for was for \$15,000.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Sugarbush Paving Agreement and to empower Mr. Cunningham, Chair, to sign, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:25 PM – Approval of Minutes for August 1, 2011 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of August 1, 2011, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

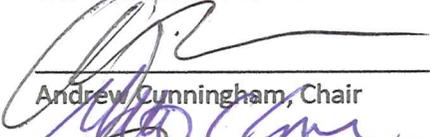
8:30 PM – Approval of Minutes for August 9, 2011, Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes for August 9, 2011, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:35 PM - Motion by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

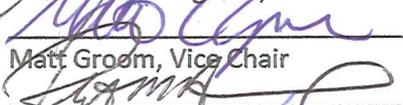
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Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

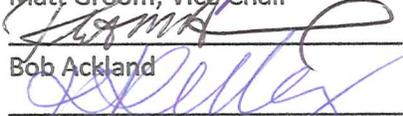
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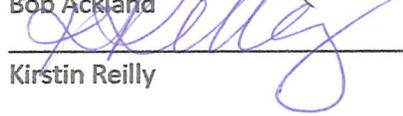
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Matt Groom, Vice Chair



Bob Ackland



Kirstin Reilly

Anson Montgomery

Cindi Jones

From: José V Urdaneta B. [jvurdanetabenitez@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:10 PM
To: Cindi Jones
Subject: Sugar Hills Farm (Shepard Hill Rd.)

Dear Cindy

According to our meeting last month at your office, I am formally requesting an inspection to our road (Shepard Hill Rd.), in order to show you and the select board members that we have cleared an area good enough for the town trucks to turn. We cut a few trees, in order to make enough space for the truck drivers to turn.

In the past two winters the decision of not plowing the road all the way to the top, as you had been doing it for over half a century caused us a few car accidents, and your truck drivers had to pull our cars, and they are aware of the damages that the vehicles had suffered. Please understand, that we don't want this situation to happen again this coming winter.

I am in town, I will be in VT. until Sunday the 21st. I am lookin forward to meeting with you.

My phone: 802-496-3498.

Kind regards,

Jose V. Urdaneta

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7:20 PM – Shepard Hill, TH 17, Class 3 - .40 miles – Mr. Bache and Mr. LaRock represented the owners and were ok with compromise as agreed on October 25, 2008 at the site visit. The town would stop plowing just below the last gate, and make a turn around to the cow fence. The town would cuff off the sod and leave it for the owner and would bring in some gravel to make an adequate turn around. The owners would remove the barbed wire fence.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to accept the compromise as agreed with the representatives, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:30 PM – Sugar Loaf Hill Farm, TH 19, Class 3 - .20 miles – As presented on site visit and follow-up email with Mr. Crandall and Mr. McHugh the compromise as follows: The Crandall's will cut down and remove 3 maple trees and that the town will be responsible for adding gravel and grading the turn-around as needed. The Crandall's will also plow a pull-off with an existing culvert located approximately 150' up the road, for over flow parking during the winter months. Also a new bollard will be installed to mark the well head.

Motion by Mr. Bauchner to approve the compromise solution as proposed and that the town will bring in gravel and level it off and the Crandall's will supervise the parking of their guests, second by Ms. Russell-Story. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:40 PM – Blueberry Lake Road, TH 28, Class 3, - .28 Miles – The Burkes could not be present at the public hearing but were in contact with Ms. Jones earlier in the day. They were in agreement with the compromise of plowing the road to the lake. They were also notified that they needed to park off the town highway and that the stone sculpture needed to be removed and were ok with this decision.

7:50 PM – Applewood Road, TH 13, Class 3, - .20 miles – A compromise was reached with Mr. Wadhams that he would smooth off the corner by the septic field, mark the location, and he will also make a dump zone for snow across from his driveway. Mr. Norstrom and Ms. McDougle were present as residents who live on the private section of Woods Road. Mr. Norstrom asked why the town did not plow to the polo field and felt that the town was not plowing all the .20 miles. Mr. Cunningham explained that the Applewood Road ended to where the old barn once was. Ms. Jones also commented that in large storms Mr. White does plow to the polo field and turn around to make so that the road does not get to narrow.

8:00 PM – Roth Road (VERY END) TH 14, Class 4, - .19 miles – During the site visit on October 25, 2008, the Roth's (Jenny and John) had agreed with compromise that if there were no vehicles in the driveway the town would plow it. The town would also back in and plow the first 10' to help with big snow banks.