

Minutes of September 13, 2011

Warren Selectboard

Warren Municipal Building

7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Kate Warner, Caitrin Noel, Margo Wade, Rudy Elliott, Ray & Marcella Gratton, Patty Sue Carter, Marilyn Miller, Ray Weston, Kara (VR), Peggy Rodriguez, John Matoose, Rocky Blier & Cindi Jones.

7:10 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:12 PM – Conservation Check In – Kate Warner, Caitrin Noel, & Margo Wade – Ms. Warner started the conversation of with the Eaton Parcel Management Plan that was approved by the Selectboard. In that plan it did call for putting a conservation easement held by the Vermont Land Trust on the parcel. Ms. Warner explained that there is grant funding provided by Open Spaces to pay for all costs associated for developing the easement. Mr. Cunningham inquired on what the easement doe for the Town. Ms. Warner stated that it would ensure public access to the property ensures the proper forest management of the property, protects the land from developing it. Mr. Cunningham wanted to see the area that would be included in the easement and what the pros and cons were. Mr. Ackland commented that he was not ready to give up town owned land and rights to the property without seeing all the facts. The Conservation Commission would come back to the Selectboard with the required information.

Riverside Park Management Plan – Caitrin Noel – Ms. Noel commented that before the flood of Irene, the management plan called for maintaining the park in its natural condition, let the river find its course of flow and keep it as a valued resource of a park. She also stated that the gravel extraction is in direct conflict of the plan. The Conservation Commission now changing the direction of the plan considering the affects of Flood Irene and the state the park is currently in. Ms. Wade and Ms. Noel commented that the park should be embraced for what it is now. There are currently big trees, and a deep channel that goes across the park and was used as an overflow area for the excessively high water. The Commission felt that river should be allowed to follow its course and that the park now provides the opportunity for educating people on stream and watershed practices.

Mr. Weston commented that by leaving the large ravine present, that it now presents a liability to the town. The Commission realizes the value of the gravel for the town but wanted to see that the contractor excavating the gravel keeps the stream elevations in mind as it was her observation that he was not told how to manage the extractions. Ms. Jones commented that Mr. Ross had spoken to Tony White, acting foreman, in the absence of Mr. Weston, on how the guidelines for extraction just as what the town did on South Main Street. She also commented that the road crew was given information on this practice as well. Mr. Montgomery commented that the town needed to address the liabilities and the gravel. A discussion and site visit of the park in April would be more beneficial to discuss on what the town should do as far as clean up.

Motion by Mr. Groom to continue with the gravel extraction and mitigate the liability of park as it exists presently, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

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9:10 PM – Approval of Minutes for August 23, 2011 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:12 PM – Minutes of 9/1/2011 – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the Minutes of September 1, 2011, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:15 PM – Minutes of 9/7/2011 – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of 9/7/2011, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

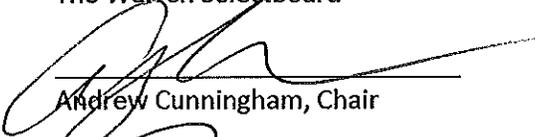
9:18 PM – Other Business

ATT Approval Support of co-locating on Verizon Tower on Sugarbush – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to support the co-locating on the Verizon Tower at Sugarbush, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

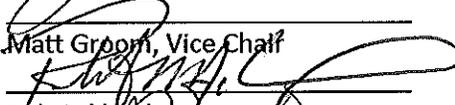
9:25 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cunningham, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

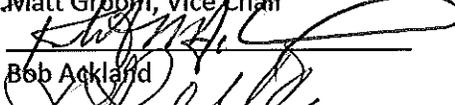
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