

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

7:00 PM – Vermont State Police Update – Lt. Paul White ✓

7:15 PM – The Path Update – Will Flanders ✓

7:30 PM – Maxine Grad – State Representative ✓

7:45 PM – Warren Planning Commission – Possible Central VT Regional Planning Commission/Central VT Economic Development Corp) Merger. Craig Klofach

8:00 PM – DPW – Update on Projects
Derry Masters – Paving & Speed Limit on Plunkton Road

8:15 PM - Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2012

8:20 PM – Approval of Warrants

PIR 9,383.62
Payables 116,944.96

8:30 PM – Other Business

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Anson Montgomery, Matt Groom & Kirstin Reilly (7:15PM).

Others Present: Craig, Klofach, Will Flanders, Jim TV 44/45, Rachel Goff (VR), LT. Paul White, VSP, Mac Rood, Maxine Grad, Derry & Peter Masters, Barry Simpson & Cindi Jones.

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

7:07 PM – Vermont State Police Update – Lt. Paul White – Lt. White came to the board to update the board and to see if Warren had any issues. Lt. White presented to the board a 3 year to present snapshot of incidents that VSP have responded to Warren. Most of the reported calls are down from the last 3 years. Mr. Cunningham inquired about if Warren's Constables were useful in the helping out with calls. LT. White responded in saying that they have been a lot of help to the VSP and both Constables have good communications with the VSP. Mr. Groom inquired about the use of tasers and if there was a policy that the VSP go by. Lt. White responded that the VSP has a multi-page policy in the use of tasers and that each officer has training regarding it. It is not a tool that is used all the time and the policy addresses different situations. The board thanked Lt. White for his time in coming to address the board.

7:15 PM – The Mad River Path – Will Flanders & Mac Rood. – Mr. Flanders updated the board on the status of Path and recent projects they have completed. This past year they have been repairing trails in Fayston on the Millbrook Trail and bridges. In Waitsfield they have put up interpretive signs. Mr. Flanders joined the Path as the new director and has been in the job for about 6 months. They currently have about 400 members and have a goal of having 500 members. They also have been working a master plan for the Path that is in three different phases. The first phase is identifying 2-3 different possible routes and identifying the landowners who are on those routes. The second phase is contacting owners about 85 of them communicating with them on questions, issues and getting a trail easement from owners. The third phase is analyzing the data and choosing the best route of the Path. What has been challenging is getting in touch with the landowners to focus on the easements and obtaining landowner signatures. Mr. Ackland inquired about the Path's funding. Mr. Flanders commented that 1/3 is memberships/donations, 1/3 is from events and 1/3 is grants which one is through the Recreation District. They would like to do more events than to rely on the grants for the funding. Mr. Montgomery inquired about what an easement is worth across the property. What are the effects? Mr. Rood commented that they are finding that it is not the amount of the easement as they the easements are not a substantial negative but can be a positive. The board thanked Mr. Flanders and Mr. Rood for updating the board on the Path's activity and that they have a plan that is sound and moving forward.

7:40 PM – Maxine Grad – Running for State Representative – Ms. Grad is running for one of the two open seats for the new district. Ms. Grad has served 12 years for the Towns of Northfield, Moretown and Roxbury. She is excited about the new prospect of the new district. What she sees her new role of objectives is: working with local boards, continue working on judicial issues – public safety, and continue working on the economy, environment and health care. Mr. Groom inquired on how she felt about ACT60/68.

Ms. Grad commented that the state is allocating more money into the State Education Fund. She supports equal equity and there are current problems with ACT 60/68 that only benefits a few that have incomes under \$60,000. Ms. Grad commented that it should be based on income and maybe considering an income tax and the Common Level of Appraisal values needs work. Mr. Ackland inquired if Ms. Grad was ready to step to the plate and make a difference in this given that Warren is considered a gold town and she currently has receiving towns. Ms. Grad commented that it will be a new change in the representation but felt optimistic. Mr. Simpson inquired about the issue of the new health care. Ms. Grad commented that it would not roll out until 2017 and that it would not affect municipalities that are on contracts presently. Mr. Ackland inquired if she felt that the State could achieve this new health care outside the Federal Regulations. Ms. Grad commented that she felt that the State could achieve this and set the role to the first state to achieve this. The board thanked Ms. Grad for coming to the meeting and answering questions regarding the upcoming election.

8:00 PM – Warren Planning Commission – Possible Central VT Regional Planning Commission/ Central VT Economic Development Corp) Merger – Craig Klofach – Mr. Klofach presented to the board a letter that the Planning Commission has approved and would like to send to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission stating that they and the Warren Selectboard are not in favor of the joint merger. If anything, the new commission will be larger with more layers and less efficiencies. The merger would support more of the economic development piece and take some control out of the local Planning Commissions. Mr. Groom inquired on how many towns are in the Central Vermont Regional Planning District. Mr. Klofach commented that there are 23 towns, the 3 Valley Towns are opposed, Montpelier is opposed, and Williamstown and Barre are for it. Mr. Ackland inquired if there was a cost savings. Mr. Klofach commented that given the proposed structure of the merger, there would not be a cost savings only more levels of bureaucratic layers to move through.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the letter written by the Warren Planning Commission and authorize Mr. Cunningham, Chair, to sign, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:15 PM – Department of Public Works Update – Barry Simpson – Mr. Simpson reported that the Plunkton Bridge is moving forward and expects to have the bridge open in 3 weeks. Mr. Simpson presented to the board from Dubois and Kings a new guardrail plan that would deal with the mailbox issue. Mr. Groom inquired if the Road Crew had seen the new design. Mr. Simpson responded that he had showed it to a few members of the road crew. Mr. Cunningham inquired on why it was long? Mr. Simpson responded that the engineer had designed it that way. Mr. Cunningham also inquired about the extra culvert and if it had been resolved. Mr. Simpson commented “no”. The town does have two culverts in the pit that can be used. There is a contingency line in the actual bid documents that would cover any unforeseen items. The board felt that this would be a contingency item.

Speeding/Paving Plunkton Road – Ms. Masters and her husband Peter, expressed concern that once the bridge is open, that there would be straight shot wide looking road and that traffic would speed faster. She commented that currently vehicles are speeding at a higher rate than the posted limit of 40 MPH. Mr. Cunningham responded that once the bridge is open, then the town would notify the sheriff to patrol that road to help slow traffic down. If there was a speed issue, then the board would look at reducing the speed limit. The board thanked Ms. Masters and her husband for coming in.

9:05 PM – Appointment of new Health Officer – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the appointment of Mr. Steve Willis, for Warren Health Officer, second by Mr. Ackland.
All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:10 PM – Approval of Minutes for Septembers 25, 2012 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of September 25, 2012, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

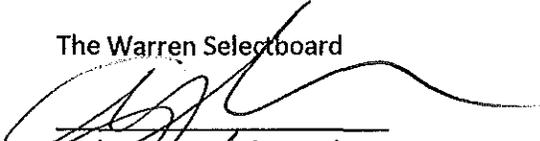
9:15 PM – Approval of Payables – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the payable warrant as presented for \$115,944.46, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:18 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrant for \$9,383.62, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

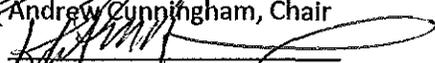
9:30 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andrew Cunningham, Chair



Bob Ackland, Vice Chair



Matt Groom

Anson Montgomery

Kirstin Reilly

Vermont State Police
Incidents in the Town of Warren

		<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012 to date</u>
0100	Death Investigations	1	3	5	2
0200	Sex Offenses	0	0	1	0
0300	Robbery	0	0	0	0
0400	Assaults	5	4	8	6
0500	Burglary	18	16	5	5
0600	Larceny	20	23	14	10
0700	Auto Theft	0	1	1	1
0900	Arson	0	0	0	0
1000	Fraud	3	3	2	0
1400	Vandalism	9	11	8	6
1800	Drug Violations	0	0	2	2
2000	Disorderly Conduct, etc.	39	33	44	38
2115	DUI	1	8	8	8
3000	Motor Vehicle Crashes	17	16	27	22
3600	Other Motor Vehicle Violations	28	17	19	12
<u>9999</u>	<u>Miscellaneous calls for Service</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>159</u>
	TOTAL	342	382	354	271

TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PO BOX 337
WARREN, VT 05674

September 25, 2012

Members of the Warren Select Board
c/o Cindi Jones, Town Administrator
Warren Municipal Building
Warren, VT 05674

Dear Warren Select Board:

Last December the Planning Commission copied you on a letter [attached] written to Ms. Sinclair, Executive Director of the CVRPC regarding the proposed merger of the CVRPC and the CVEDC. At that time the PC felt that details of such a merger were lacking and urged the CVRPC to "take a step back" before attempting to move forward with a vote on the merger proposal.

Over the past nine months a Joint CVRPC/CVEDC Committee on Consolidation has been spending a great deal of time working on the details of a merger between the two entities. Between reports from our representative, Mr. LaHaye and copies of the minutes from the Joint Committee's meetings, the PC has been kept informed of their progress.

It appears that once again the proposal of a joint Commission encompassing both planning and economic development will be put forth for approval by the member towns. The Warren Planning Commission feels very strongly that despite the amount of effort made by the Joint Committee that the resulting product will not yield results that will benefit the Town of Warren. If anything, the new commission will be larger with more layers and less efficiencies. [See proposed organizational chart attached] The original premise for this merger was born under the Challenges for Change during the Douglas Administration which was primarily cost savings driven. The Joint Committee has admitted that this proposed merger has little cost savings in its creation. [Notes of September 5, 2012 "...there may be some savings, but it's not considered to be very much." Attached document.]

The Warren Planning Commission is strongly recommending to the Select Board that they reject the proposal of the Joint CVRPC/CVEDC Committee on Consolidation that merges the functions of planning and economic development. The PC additionally feels that the Joint Committee has spent valuable time and resources that could have otherwise been more productive in supporting the planning efforts of the member towns.

For the Select Board's consideration, the PC has included a letter addressed to the Joint Committee expressing this position for the Board's convenience.

Sincerely,

The Warren Planning Commission

Craig Klofach, Chairman

Mike Ketchel, Vice-Chairman
Jim Sanford
Don LaHaye
Lisa Miserendino
Dan Raddock
Randy Graves