

**Minutes of December 11, 2012**  
Warren Selectboard  
Warren Municipal Building  
7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Matt Groom & Kirstin Reilly.

**Members Absent:** Anson Montgomery

**Others Present:** Greg Goyette, Stantec, Craig Klofach, Mac Rood, Wendy Cox, Rick and Joyce Schiffman, Barry Simpson, Jim, TV 44/45, Rachel Goff (VR), Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom and Cindi Jones.

**7:00 PM** – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

**7:03 PM – Public Hearing – Feasibility Study Warren Side Walk Safe Routes to School – Greg Goyette**

Mr. Goyette from Stantic, hired by VTrans, presented a power point of the Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Improvement Study. Recommendations were made for a side walk on Main Street, from the Warren Store to the intersection of Main/Brook and along the north side of Brook Road and up School Road. There was a local concerns meeting October 25, 2011 which addressed concerns from the public and were incorporated into this report. The report provides recommendations of alternatives and in the end, the Selectboard would decide on to accept them or do nothing. (Draft study attached). Comments from this meeting will be entered into the draft and a final draft will issued to the Selectboard. Comments received were: can sidewalks be less than 5'? Material – what type of material would be used to maintain the village character? Re-Striping the roadway having 9 foot travel lanes and a 2' shoulder? Making the bridge to one way traffic? How would they be maintained? Impacts on property owners? The 10' wide asphalt bike/path along School Road is too wide? Not a good idea to combine pedestrians and bikes on School Road section of the sidewalk .Cost estimates on the 3 different segments (which the town would pay 10% and the federal 90%). Mr. Goyette closed in saying that the next steps are: 1) Finalize the recommendations, 2) Refine cost estimates, 3) send final draft to the town and 4) Final approval decision to the Warren Selectboard.

**7:25 PM – Energy Committee – Tar Sands Resolution and PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) – Dotty Kyle and Eric Brattstrom – Ms. Kyle and Mr. Brattstrom came to the board to discuss three things: 1. Revitalize the Energy Committee, 2. Tar Sands Resolution and 3. PACE. Ms. Kyle inquired of the board if they wanted to revive the energy committee with new members with a mission statement. Mr. Ackland commented there have been many committees established throughout the Valley with good people on them, but they are very short lived. Mr. Ackland commented that before using town resources, he would like to see the payback from the efforts. Ms. Kyle commented that Warren has been doing very well in moving forward with some energy efficiency measures. Mr. Cunningham would like to see the goals and mission statement first from the members currently before moving forward with re-establishing the committee.**

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**Tar Sand's Resolution** – Ms. Kyle as an education piece presented a resolution to the board about the Enbridge pipeline that runs through the upper northeast Kingdom and crosses waterways. They are asking the Warren Selectboard if they would support this petition. Mr. Ackland commented that ACT 250 would be over seeing this as a change of use and that he does not want to endorse something that is an alarming reaction when Vermont has governing systems in place. Mr. Cunningham commented that if they received all 78 signatures on the petition then they would put it on the Town Meeting Warning.

**PACE – Property Assessed Clean Energy** – Ms. Kyle commented that the program has hit some financial problems. The funding comes from the state banking that provided 1-2% loans; however, the loans are at 6%. Most of the loans range from \$6,000-\$8,000 and they run with the property and are collected with the taxes. Mr. Cunningham commented that maybe this is not really ready to have as an article given there are current financial problems with the state banking. Also, Mr. Cunningham commented it would not be a good to have a 30 year mortgage to pay back on improvements as newer technology becomes comes available. Mr. Ackland commented that he would like to see the pros and cons of the program and what are the liabilities to the town. Mr. Cunningham commented that he would like to defer further discussion on this until Mr. Montgomery was able to attend.

**9:05 PM** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to go into executive session to discuss real estate and invite Ms. Jones, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Rood, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:30 PM** – Motion by Mr. Groom to come out of executive session, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:35 PM** – Other Business:

**Pit Road** – Mr. Simpson updated the board that he has marked out two possible locations for the new pit road/Vaughn Brown Road entrance. Mr. Cunningham commented that he needed to get a price and figure into the budget for next year.

**9:35 PM – Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2012, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:40 PM – Approval of Minutes for November 27, 2012** – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of November 27, 2012, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:45 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the warrants as presented for \$784,334.73, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:48 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the payroll warrants as presented, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

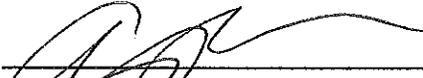
**9:50 PM – Approval to Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve and adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

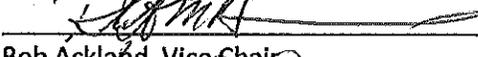
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9:55 PM – Motion by Mr. Groom to Adjourn, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

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

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