

Agenda  
Warren Selectboard  
January 29, 2013

7:00 PM – Brad Cook – PACE District Article/Explanation

*Cancelled*

✓ 7:15 PM – Energy Committee – Dotty Kyle

✓ 7:30 PM – DPW Budget Update – Barry Simpson  
Road Access Permit for JDMC Properties off Senor Road

✓ 7:45 PM - Finalize Budget

✓ 8:15 PM – Review/Approve Articles/ Town Meeting Warning

/ 8:25 - PM - Approve Minutes of January 8, 2012

✓ 8:30 PM – Approve Articles for Town Meeting Warrant

8:45 -PM - Approve Payable Warrants –

\$ 61,049.74

✓ 8:50 PM – Approve Payroll Warrants

\$ 28,030.22

9:00 PM – Other Business

Liq Licenses .

West Hill B+B  
Ski Club 10

Town meeting warning

Approve wastewater

Bridge 177

**Minutes of January 29, 2013**  
Warren Selectboard  
Warren Municipal Building  
7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Kirstin Reilly and Anson Montgomery.

**Members Absent:** Matt Groom.

**Others Present:** Wendy Cox, Bob Baron, Mary Gow, Barry Simpson, Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom, Alex Maclay TV 44/45, Rachel Goff (VR) and Cindi Jones.

**7:00 PM** – Meeting called to order.

**7:05 PM** – PACE District – Brad Cook – Cancelled

**7:10 PM** – Energy Committee – Dotty Kyle – Ms. Kyle started off the discussion that they would like to be appointed officially by the Selectboard as an Energy Committee. All the current members resigned due to lack of time and other comments. Representing members attending the meeting were: Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom, Bob Baron and Wendy Cox. By appointing a new committee Warren has representation in the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery to appoint: Dotty Kyle, Bob Baron, Eric Brattstrom, and Wendy Cox as members of the Energy Committee, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

They also wanted to proceed with promoting the Vermont Home Energy Challenge where the goal is to have 3% of Warren Residents participate in the "Button UP" Program before year end of 2013. Investment is in the range of \$8,000-\$9,000 per home and it is not for people living on pay check to pay check. The State has a goal in their Energy Plan to have about 80,000 homes buttoned up by 2020 with this program. They would also like time at the Town Meeting to make a presentation to the Warren Voters. Mr. Cunningham commented that they should put together some promotional materials that they can distribute at town meeting and bring it up in other business.

**7:25 PM** – DPW Projects – Barry Simpson -

Road Access Permit for JDMC Properties - Mr. Simpson presented the final plan for the Road Access Permit for JDMC Properties off Senor Road. With some modifications as moving the berm back and re-grading along Senor Road it would improve the site distance with the possibility of removing or resetting the power pole. Mr. Simpson commented that he has met with the road crew and they are in agreement. Mr. Ackland commented that there is a small ditch on the side of the road. Mr. Simpson commented that it would remain and that the owner will be putting in an 18" culvert.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Road Access Permit for JDMC Properties as presented with any conditions as recommended by Mr. Simpson, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:35 PM – Vaughn Brown Road** – Mr. Simpson presented a conceptual plan drawn up by Bannon Engineering for the re-alignment for the Pitt Road and Vaughn Brown Road. Mr. Ackland inquired if there should be a stop sign or yield sign at the intersection of Vaughn Brown and Pitt Road. Mr. Simpson commented that it could be either or. Mr. Montgomery asked Ms. Gow (who lives on the road) her thoughts. Ms. Gow commented that she thought the state's design was a good compromise for the present intersection change to make it safer. She also commented that the present configuration works well except for a safety issue at the north near West Hill Road. She commented that if it's not broke, don't fix it and she would not consider it a high priority over other road issues in the town. The new configuration is not going to be a substantial gain. Mr. Ackland commented that the cost of \$80,000-\$120,000 is not there in this budget. Mr. Cunningham commented that this gives the board more thought before moving forward. Mr. Cunningham also commented that it would be big plus for safety of the road crew. (See attached plan). Ms. Gow also commented that the road has done an outstanding job on maintenance of Vaughn Brown Road and she likes the new plant mix material.

**Highway Capital Plan** – Mr. Simpson presented the board the highway capital plan of replacing highway vehicles. The new truck replacement for Tony's truck has been ordered. (See attached). He also presented his Capital Project list. Mr. Montgomery would like to see it broken down to smaller projects that would fit into the general budget and then the larger capital items. Some of the items are more into the decision making of general repair and maintenance of the facilities.

**Covered Bridge** – The committee of Mac Rood, Ellen Strauss, Brendon Gilhuly, Wendy Pelletier (VTRANS) and Barry Simpson will meet and submit their ratings of each engineer and present to VTRANS.

**8:35 PM – Budget** – Mr. Cunningham inquired if the board had any changes, comments on the present budget submitted. Mr. Ackland commented that he had met with Fire Dept. Appraiser who was very knowledgeable in this area. They would evaluate all the vehicles, personnel etc and present a workable plan for the fire dept. The cost of this is from \$26,000-\$28,000. Mr. Ackland inquired where it might come out of the Capital Funds. Mr. Cunningham commented that it should come out of Fire Dept Capital Equipment. There were 3 firemen in favor of the full blown appraisal and 1 against. In looking at the budget it is a 28.04% increase, however, much of the increase is in the highway budget for infrastructure projects. The board agreed that they could defend this budget. Mr. Montgomery commented that last year's tax rate was kept low but with a good developed road plan, the Town is making great strides in roads and in much need infrastructure projects.

**8:40 PM – Other Business –**

**Letter from Conservation Commission** – Mr. Cunningham acknowledged a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding that they were not pursuing a special article concerning the Management of the Eaton Parcel. Mr. Ackland commented that the Town has a present management plan in place but should make it more binding and any changes would have to go through the Conservation Commission.

**8:45 PM – Approval of Wastewater Budget** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Wastewater Budget for 2013, Second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**8:50 PM – Town Meeting Warning** - Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve and sign the Town Meeting Warning, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

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8:55 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2013 – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2013, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:58 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$28,050.22, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:00 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable as presented for \$61,049.74, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:05 PM – Approval of Liquor License for West Hill B&B – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Liquor License Renewal for the West Hill B&B, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:10 PM – Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Ski Club 10 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Ski Club 10, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:15 PM – Bridge 177 – VTRANS – Lareau Bridge – The board discussed the 21 day/detour Bridge Accelerated Bridge option of using Fayston's Roads and Warren's Road. The board commented that 21 days road closure as an opposed to an 18 month bridge construction project was more cost effective and the impacts of environmental and construction would be lessened than the alternative of a bypass bridge. Ms. Jones will write up a response from Warren.

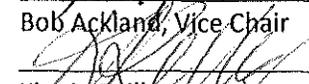
9:25 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to adjourn, second by Ms. Reilly. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

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