

Agenda  
Warren Selectboard  
July 9, 2013  
Warren Municipal Building  
7:00 PM

7:00 PM -- Roads Up Date -- Ray Weston ✓

7:30 PM - --Timber Crib Dam Easement -- Mac Rood ✓

7:40 PM - DPW Update -- Barry Simpson ✓

8:00 PM -- Health Care Connect ✓

8:15 PM -- Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2013 & July 8, 2013 ✓

8:20 PM - Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants 122,835.03

8:25 PM -- Approval of Payroll Warrants 28,436.87

8:30 PM -- Other Business

Tax rate LTR  
Amendment

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**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Matt Groom, Colleen Mays, & Anson Montgomery.

**Others Present:** Mac Rood, Jim TV 44/45, Ellen Strauss, Rachel (VR), Barry Simpson, Ray Weston, Rudy Elliott & Cindi Jones.

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

**7:06 PM – Roads Update – Ray Weston** – Before the torrential rain storms, the crew had been working on projects that they had planned on from the road maintenance program. They had installed ½ the culverts and used ½ the gravel as planned. After the flooding event on July 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, they will have to install two new washed out culverts. They are currently just filling in the road damage to make the roads safe, but will have to go back and properly repair the roads. The woody debris/trees were removed from the Behn Road Bridge that was blocking the flow of water. Other roads damaged in the flood were: Hanks Road, Lincoln Gap, Prickley Mt. Road, Plunkton, Behn Road, Anne Burns Road, Flat Iron and Senor Road, and Charley Ashley. The crew will be replacing a culvert on Senor Road by Mad Meadows Road and will upsize it to help take the flow of water.

If the weather holds out, the Inferno Road paving will begin Friday and be completed Monday. The crew will be hauling up fill to finish up the ditch along the South Village.

West Hill Slide and Sugarbush Access Road Slide – The Geostabiliation International are planning on starting work the week of July 22.

The Roxbury Mountain Road Culvert – Dubois is planning on late Sept as they have to order the concrete box and are looking at late September to install.

West Hill Road to Golf Course Road – There are 18 culverts on the road and 16 need to be replaced before paving. An option would be just to reclaim and pave as Town may not want to do a reconstruct on the road adding extra gravel/stone weight to the road. Mr. Ackland commented that the town may want to defer the paving this year and explore the options. According to the Town's attorney and state statute any unused highway funds cannot be dumped in the general fund and these funds would be restricted for only use in the highway fund for the purpose it was noted for.

**7:25 PM – Timber Crib Dam Easement** – Mac Rood – Mr. Rood started the discussion off by commenting that the Dam Preservation Group has exhausted all efforts on trying to get a permit from the ANR to repair the dam. The ANR has stated that the dam is breached and it is not a repairable dam, it is now classified as a reconstruct. Mr. Rood has spoken the ANR Secretary and they will not ever give the Dam Preservation Trust a permit to repair the historic structure. According to the Dam Preservations Attorney, to terminate their 501C they must divest all their assets including the easement. They are coming to the Town first to see if they want to accept the Easement, then to the neighbor and lastly to the State. Mr. Ackland commented that the language of the easement does not say you can build another dam.

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The Town received an opinion from the Town Attorney concerning the language of the current easement advising them on the legal ramifications. Mr. Groom, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Cunningham commented that they do not want the Town to assume the The dam easement but thanked the Dam Preservation Trust for asking the Town first.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to accept the Dam Preservation Trust Easement, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: 0-5 (All 5 members voted against the motion).

### **7:55 PM – DPW – Update – Barry Simpson –**

Covered Bridge – The contractor has fixed his staging and will start to do the cedar shingles by the end of the week with a possible completion date of Monday July 15, 2013.

Municipal Roof – Mr. Simpson reported he has met with a few roofing contractors on how they could reduce the water/snow run off from backing up on the roof and running down the side of the building. Mr. Simpson presented a rough sketch idea on extending the roof. Mr. Groom commented that it would not be esthetically pleasing and suggested just putting on ice and snow barrier paper and adding a metal cricket. The water would continue to run down the side of the building, but the clapboards could be replaced periodically as they rot. Mr. Groom would meet Barry and Hugh Johnson on site Wednesday.

Campanelli Photos – West Hill Road Drainage – Mr. Simpson explained that he has met with Mr. Campanelli and explained that there was not a lot we could do. The hillside on the left side of the road has a lot of water runoff which goes down the ditch to a culvert and over the bank. Mr. Campanelli complained to Mr. Simpson that he could smell sewage. Mr. Simpson commented that he pickup some of the dirt and smelled it but could not detect any sewage Oder. All the homes on West Hill before the bridge and the Sieler house are on the municipal system except for Mr. Campanelli's. Mr. Ackland commented wanted clarification if water was going into the home from our road. Mr. Simpson commented that "no" as his house sits on an old stone foundation, it's near the road and that the bank run off is not. It is only the typical water from the surface of the road. There have been no changes made to the road. Mr. Cunningham suggested that Mr. Simpson set up a meeting with Campanelli with himself and Mr. Montgomery.

**8:35 PM – Health Care Connect** – Mr. Ackland explained that all the plans are identical in coverage. In 2009 the town implemented that a single would pay 5%, a two person would pay 10%, and a family would pay \$15%. He commented that since this is an interim step by the state, that the town should leave this system currently in place. All plans are less than what the Town is currently paying now. Mr. Cunningham thought he had heard that the rates have been approved by the Green Mountain Health Board. Ms. Jones will check to see if the new rates have been posted.

### **Other Business:**

Amendment to Warren Land Use and Development Regulations – Fluvial Erosion Hazard Overlay District - Ms. Jones presented to the board the Fluvial Erosion Hazard Overlay District Zoning Amendment to be warned at the Warren Selectboard's meeting for August for August 13' 2013.

Tax Rate Increase Letter – Mr. Ackland presented a draft of a letter that could be published the Valley Reporter explaining the increase from 0.25 last years' tax rate to 0.44 this year's tax rate. Not all the members had a chance to review. Mr. Cunningham commented that the budget passed at Town Meeting with the biggest increase in the highway budget for two large projects: Inferno Road and West Hill. The work has been getting done between the torrential rain storms that are setting back a lot of contractors. Mr. Ackland commented that his draft presented a mathematical process on what changed and that we are doing a good job with budget providing those services. The board deferred this until all members could comment after reading the draft.

**8:50 PM – Approval of Minutes from July 1, 2013** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2013, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2013** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2013. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

**Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$28,436.87, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants for \$122,835.03, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

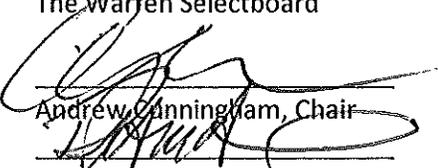
9:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session inviting Ms. Jones, for a legal matters and Real Estate, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:25 PM – Motion by Mr. Groom to come out of executive session second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones  
Warren Town Administrator

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