

AGENDA
WARREN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
7:00 PM
WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

✓ 7:00 PM – The Warren Fire Dept – Check In – Peter DeFreest - *Defer*

7:30 PM - Approval of Minutes for June 25, 2014 and September 9, 2014

7:35 PM – Approval of Account Payable and Payroll Warrants

29,111.45 15,741.85

✓ 7:40 PM – Other Business

✓ Festival Permit for Rochester Area Sports Trail Alliance

Minutes of September 23, 2014

Warren Selectboard

7:00 PM

Warren Municipal Building

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Matt Groom, Colleen Mays, and Anson Montgomery (Skype).

Members Absent: Bob Ackland.

Others Present: Barry Simpson, Carol Crossman, and TV 44/45 (Sam), & Cindi Jones.

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

7:05 PM – Warren Fire Dept – Check In – Peter DeFreest – Deferred – As Mr. DeFreest was not able to attend.

7:06 PM – Festival Permit for Rochester Area Sport Trail Alliance – Sean Linsky came before the board to request approval for a fund raiser being held at Blueberry Lake. The group hosted an event after 2011 Tropical Storm Irene and raised money to give to charities. Last year they raised \$4,000 and gave it to the Food Bank. They would be using most of the Mt. Bike Trails and have a permit with the forest service at Blueberry Lake. Over flow parking would be at the Warren School if needed. Mr. Linsky indicated that the biking route would be on Plunkton Road, Cross Road and Prickly Mountain down into Alpine. Mr. Montgomery commented that they would need to get permission from the local landowners in Alpine Village as the roads were privately owned. The event takes place on October 25th. The board waived the additional \$75 fee as this was to benefit charities. Mr. Linsky commented that some of the funds would go to the Warren PTO Relief Fund, Rochester Relief Fund and some to the mountain trails to help maintain them.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Festival Permit for the Rochester Area Sport Trail Alliance and waive the additional \$75.00 fee, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:15 PM – DPW Items - Mr. Simpson started off the discussion about the Covered Bridge -- Mr. Simpson commented that Mr. Ackland had wanted more information on the project before spending any more money. Mr. Simpson delivered a plan from Dubois & King. It is only a conceptual plan. Mr. Cunningham inquired if the plan was a ready to construction plan. Mr. Simpson commented that it was not a construction plan and would have to be revised and worked to be construction ready. Mr. Simpson also stated that the Mad River Corridor Plan talks about the width of the river but not the depth of the river and that the plan addresses the upstream stabilization work that would have to be done if the dam was removed. A letter was received from the Agency of Transportation regarding the project. Mr. Cunningham stated that the Warren Selectboard went on record to say that the Timber Crib Dam should be dismantled and to preserve the Covered Bridge. The letter stated that if the Warren Selectboard does not want to move forward, then all engineering monies received would have to be paid back to Vtrans.

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The board does not want to cancel the project; they want to move carefully in a direction that is clear, precise with cost containment. Mr. Simpson suggested that two members of the Warren Selectboard (Matt Groom and Colleen Mays) meet with Dubois and King and talk about the contract and have a clear direction on where the project is going and find other grant opportunities to help fund the cost is now \$620,000 not including engineering fees. The next meeting Oct 14, 2014 the Friends of the Mad River, The Dam Preservation Board, and all interested parties are welcome to attend on the discussion of the Timber Crib Dam.

7:55 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson – Underground Utilities – Mr. Simpson presented to the board a map reference of the municipal complex showing where the fiber optic line would be installed to the municipal building. The fiber optics would provide faster and better internet service to the Town. Also on the map was the utility line ditch for the underground power from the Blair Barn to the Town Hall. Mr. Cunningham inquired on why not hooking on to the municipal building. Ms. Jones commented that the municipal building is over loaded on electrical amperage circuits currently.

Molly Gorman – Lincoln Gap – She had asked if the speed limit could be lowered on Lincoln Gap. It is currently 35MPH. Mr. Simpson explained that there would have to be a public hearing addressing a change, and traffic counts would have to be done as speed limits are set on amount of traffic.

Jen Higgins concern – Ms. Higgins came in to see Mr. Simpson in regards to the intersection of Dump and Airport Road. She is concerned that a lot of traffic that comes speeding down Airport to Dump Road. She wasn't sure if it could be a 4 way stop or not. There presently is a stop sign on Dump Road and a stop sign on Airport. Mr. Cunningham inquired about realigning Dump Road to come out onto Airport. Mr. Simpson commented that it would be a very expensive proposition as there is ledge in there. There is a current easement with the owner of the corner property. Mr. Cunningham authorized Mr. Simpson to see what it would cost for an engineer to put something together and budget an engineer cost in next year's budget for the realignment.

Plunkton Road Culvert – Dubois has started the project and has closed the road from Willow Road to Joyce's View from September 22-October 10.

East Warren School House Septic – Rounds Construction is starting the project on the September 24-September 29.

8:25 PM – Approval for the Minutes of June 25, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of June 25, 2014, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:27 PM - Approval of Minutes for September 9, 2014 – Motion by Ms. Mays to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2014, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

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8:30 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Accounts Payable warrants as presented for \$29,111.45, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

8:35 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$15,741.85. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Other Business:

Ms. Mays inquired if at the next meeting that snacks could be provided as there would be a lot of people attending. Mr. Cunningham agreed and charged Ms. Mays with the task.

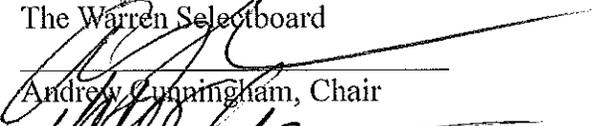
Resolution for Sustainable Education Funding Reform in Vermont – A resolution was sent by Kevin Dorn requesting that Towns sign the resolution asking the State for a cap two-year cap on state education property tax rates at 2015 levels. The cap on the rate will provide much needed and immediate relief to property tax payers and communities confronting rapidly escalating property taxes and affords the legislature time to enact comprehensive reform to the present system. The Towns of Dorset, Killington, Huntington, Fairlee and South Burlington have all passed this resolution as of this date. Mr. Cunningham did not want to sign resolution until they could meet with Rob Rosen, Warren School Board, and others to see if it really would be beneficial to sign a resolution. The resolution does not a binding resolution. This will be deferred until later in October.

Skype Access – Mr. Montgomery has been doing some work on setting up a Skype solution for the Town. It would offer a remote access option if any Selectboard, or other board member or town employee cannot make a meeting in person. It would involve an inexpensive tablet with a webcam that would allow us to display the video conference in one direction while having the camara facing another. Total cost would be somewhere around \$1,200.

9:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to adjourn, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

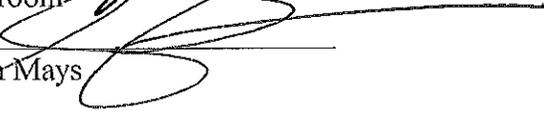
The Warren Selectboard



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