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\$22,677.09 \$24,436.68

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- ✓ CEDF Grant Budget
- ✓ Halloween Road Closure
- ✓ Roxbury Mt Easement

**Minutes of October 28, 2014**

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Unapproved

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

**Others Present:** Jill Ballou, Rob Rosen, Adam Greshin, Barry Simpson, TV 44/45 (Sam), and Cindi Jones.

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

**7:05 PM – Act 60/68 Educational Non-Binding Resolution** – Mr. Rosen started the discussion by introducing the new Warren School Principal Jill Ballou. Ms. Ballou commented that she was an educational teacher and stepped into this new role. She looks forward to working with the town. Mr. Ackland inquired if she understood the clarity of ownership the Warren School and Town. The Town owns the land and the Washington West owns the building which she had some clarity on. She was very appreciative that the Town plows roads and pays for the school recreational programs. She commented she has had conversations with the WASP program director and talked about user support and how that needs to be changed so that the program is not dependent on the Town for financing yearly. Mr. Rosen started off the Act 60/68 discussion with some statistics. Vermont is 8<sup>th</sup> on the list for the worst education funding. In 2012 the pupil cost was \$10,615 with an average of \$11,000. Act 60/68 has had 6 reviews since its creation. The State looked at how other states have financed education and none have worked. The State takes all the school budgets in the State and adds them up and then determines a tax rate to raise that amount of money needed. Mr. Rosen encouraged people to read the Brigham decision. He was in agreement that the State needed to stop relying so heavily on property taxes and look at where the spending is. Other contributors to the general fund for education are a 1/3 of sales tax, 1/3 of the purchase and use tax, and the lottery revenue. Last year 35 school budgets were voted down and everyone was in agreement that the State needed to do something to change the fairness of ACT 60/68 but they felt that by giving the property tax relief just spreads it out over into other places that the taxpayer pays. This is just shifting the cost burden from property tax to other sources. The board agreed to defer signing the resolution until it was discussed at the Tri-Town Selectboard Meeting in November. Fayston has already signed onto the resolution which is a non-binding resolution and would only send a message to the State. The board thanked Mr. Rosen, Mr. Greshin and Ms. Ballou for coming to the meeting.

**7:25 PM – Memorandum of Understanding between Warren School and Town of Warren status for Solar Array** – Mr. Cunningham has been working with Mr. Spinoza from Waitsfield to come up with a simple formula. It could state that the Town is the beneficiary of the first of kilowatts to pay for the Town needs and then charges a lower market rate to the school for their usage. It is a work in progress.

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**Solar Array Grant** – The board agreed to use some of the grant money now to cover any upfront costs. The remaining would be put into an account and discuss during budgeting on using it to make payments.

**8:30 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson**

Transportation Alternatives Grant – Mr. Simpson presented a draft of the grant he has sent for additional funding for the Warren Covered Bridge to help cover the shortfall in costs. The grant is for another \$300,000 with Warren's match of \$75,000. Mr. Simpson commented that if the board was not willing to move forward on the project that this application could just go to the bottom of the pile as it is very competitive. Mr. Simpson commented that he had received a few dates from Dubois & King to meet and talk about the engineering and cost of the project from here. Mr. Cunningham instructed Mr. Simpson to set up a time with Dubois & King for November 4, 2014 at 9:00 to meet with Mr. Ackland, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Simpson to discuss the next steps concerning engineering to define a scope.

East Warren Schoolhouse Septic – Mr. Simpson commented that the project is slowly proceeding to completion. The tanks are in, the piping is complete and the sand filter box is complete. Project completion is Friday, October 31, 2014 as per contract.

**9:05 PM – Halloween Road Closure** – The Warren Selectboard discussed closing the roads for Halloween. The board agreed to close the roads from Covered Bridge to intersection of Brook and Main, Flat Iron and Brook to School Road and Fuller Hill from 5:30-7:30PM.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to closed the roads as listed above from 5;30-7:30PM, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**9:15 PM – Other Business:**

Roxbury Mountain Easement – Mr. Cunningham stated that the Town was not expecting to pay lawyer fees for the other party. Ms Coleman had a phone discussion about the yearly cleaning of the property. She indicated that a group that lives on Roxbury Mountain would clean it up on Green Up day. The board did not have a final draft of the easement and tabled it for further discussion when they have the finalized draft in hand.

**9:20 PM** – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss personnel inviting Ms. Jones and Mr. Bifano, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**10:10 PM** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**10:12 PM – Negotiations Team for The Teamsters Contract** – Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Ackland will be representing the Town and Ms. Fuller will be the administrative stand in.

**10:15 PM – Approval of Minutes for September 23, 2014** – Motion by Ms. Mays to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2014, second by Mr. Groom. All I Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**10:16 PM – Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2014** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2014, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

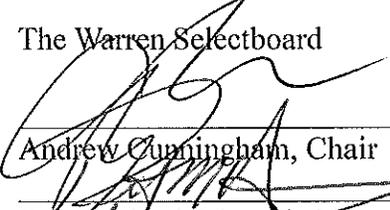
**10:16 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payable warrants as presented for \$24,436.68, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

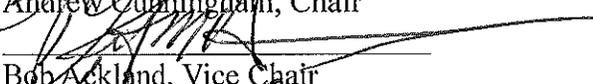
**10:17 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll warrants as presented for \$22,677.09, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

**10:20 PM:** Motion by Mr. Montgomery to adjourn, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

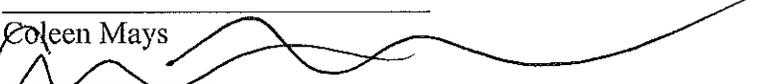
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Administrator

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