

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

7:00 PM – Preliminary Budget Overview – Time Line

7:45 PM – Approval of the Minutes for December 9, 2014

7:50 PM – Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

32,348.15 43,883.09

8:00 PM – Other Business

Lease Land Quit Claim Approvals

John + Mathie Peterson

John + Jean Sharry

Liquor License - Paradise Delli + market

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

Others Present: Tony (TV 44/45), Barry Simpson, Sharon Kellerman, Ginny Roth and Cindi Jones.

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

7:10 PM – Ginny Roth – Ms. Roth came to the board to discuss the tree that is located between the Warren Store and her Roth Realty Property. During the storm on December 9 and 10, a big limb broke off falling in between the two properties. She explained that she had Whitney Tree Service look at it last year and ask if the Town would pay for half of the cost because it was dead and rotten and was a public hazard. Mr. Cunningham explained that they had the Tree Warden, Megan Moffroid, look at it and it was not a public safety issue last year. He commented that the Town does have a legal right to remove or prune trees that are in the right of way. Ms. Roth thinks the tree is in the Town's right of way, but there is question whether the tree is in the Town's right of way. Mr. Montgomery agreed with Mr. Cunningham and appreciates the cooperation of Ms. Roth in piling snow on her property. Mr. Groom commented that if it's in the Town right of way, the town has the right, but if it is on the landowners' property, then the landowner has the responsibility. Mr. Ackland commented that the tree should be inspected and if there is a risk to public safety, then it is the Town's responsibility. Mr. Cunningham directed Mr. Simpson to have Whitney Tree Service look at the tree and determine if the tree needs to be taken down and Mr. Simpson will investigate if it is in the Town's right of way. Mr. Simpson would get back to Ms. Roth on the outcome.

Ms. Roth's Fence – Ms. Roth claims that that the Town did damage to her fence during the storm pushing snow against it. Mr. Cunningham commented that the road crew was not responsible for pushing snow against her fence that it was pushed across the road and up against it. The Town crew has a straight continuous plowing of snow that creates a windrow as they proceed to the north end of town on the route. They do not push snow across the road. He also explained that by looking at the blade width, it is the blade size of a pickup truck. There are two other contractors that plow downtown they are LaRock Property Maintenance and Todd Seymour.

Sharon Kellerman – Ms. Kellerman was present for the Monteverdi Road Access Curb cut but Mr. Simpson had not reviewed it. Deferred until next meeting.

7:35 PM – Preliminary Budget – The board started off with the fire dept. and the constable's budget since Mr. Campbell was present. The fire dept increased a few categories due the consultant's report for repairs and maintenance (not building), minor equipment and radio dispatch. A 36.18 % increase from 2014.

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Minor equipment includes nozzles, fittings etc that are out of date. Repairs and Maintenance are repairs and maintenance on the vehicles and radio dispatch are VSP calls and the calls are automatically sent to the member's phones. Mr. Ackland asked if a contract has been signed and in place for repairs. Mr. Campbell commented that he was not sure, but would check. The board agreed that the fire budget is still in question until a contract has been put into place. Also, Warren Fire Department is pursuing a grant with Waitsfield on new air packs. Air packs are about \$7,100 per pack and a compressor is about \$70,000 and they are light weight fiber glass bottles. The Department increased the capital budget line item from \$20,000 to \$160,000 for the air packs. Ms. Jones would follow up with Waitsfield and find out the status.

Law Enforcement – Mr. Campbell indicated that they had only up their patrol hours from \$500 to \$550, uniforms up from \$100-\$150 and equipment up to \$100. Mr. Campbell commented that total training and assisting the state police last year was 750 hours.

The board then started going through the rest of the budget as Ms. Jones highlighted lines through the budget with an explanation. Salaries were put in at 3.5%; however, Mr. Montgomery commented that the employees work very hard for the Town, but if there was a change that needed to be made it could be lowered. Mr. Ackland highlighted the highway budget for the rest of the board members after he met with the roads group. Planned gravel road maintenance \$267,472. Pave roads totaled \$1,714,373. The group prioritized roads with about \$712,860 to be done. The school road would be added, but the suggestions were to put an article on the warning for paving the school parking lots and entrance ramps at a total of 70,182.00. There were no other issues in the general highway budget. In building maintenance Ms. Mays asked about why the propane and oil was so high? Ms. Jones explained in last year's budgeting it did not factor in the town garage's propane heat that was installed as it was late in the year. Ms. Jones explained that the fuel oil is high, as the municipal buildings furnace has its issues and used lot. The board suggested Mr. Simpson looking into what it would cost for a propane/ac system for the municipal building to cut the oil consumption. The board also agreed to increase the Dam & Covered bridge Capital Account to \$40,000 allocation instead of \$20,000 due to the Covered Bridge Abutment project.

The board agreed that the budget is looking good with a few minor tweaks to work on to complete the budget.

Lease Land Quit Claim Approvals – Ms. Olenick presented two quit claim title clean up issues for the board to approve. These are just title clean up issues, as the town a long time ago would lease land to people now the Town collects taxes.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the lease land quit claim deeds as presented by Ms. Olenick, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:55 PM – Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2014, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:00 PM – Approval of Liquor License for Paradise Deli – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Liquor License for Paradise Deli, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:05 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$32,348.15, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0

9:08 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$43,883.09, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

9:00 PM – School Funding Resolution – Motion by Mr. Ackland to sign the non-binding resolution, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Other Business:

Planning District Update: Mr. Ackland reported that the Mad River Planning District would like topics to have 2 tri-town selectboard summit meetings a year. The board at this time could only come up with Recreation.

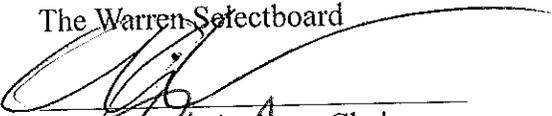
Mr. Ackland reported that the Mutual Grant Opportunities for Recreation was selected for the Mad River Valley Towns. The grant would include trails, paths inventory, strategies and funding for projects.

Next meeting December 30.

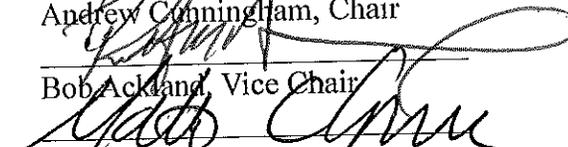
Motion by Mr. Groom to adjourn, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

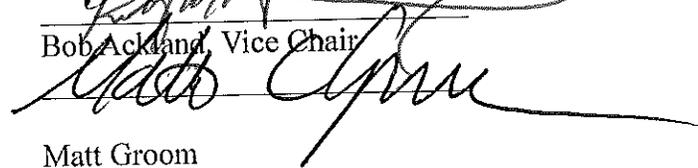
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