

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
February 18, 2014
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

✓ 7:00 PM – Public Hearing – VCDP Disaster Recover Implementation Grant 2012

✓ 7:20 PM – Vermont Gran Fondo Bicycle Race, June 14, 2015 – Sue Hoxie

✓ 7:25 PM – Town Meeting Moderator Check In – Bob Messner

✓ 7:40 PM – Renew the Downtown Village Designation – Craig Klofach

✓ 7:50 PM – DPW Projects – Barry Simpson

8:00 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2014

8:05 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants 63,478.79

8:07 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants 18,494.50

8:10 PM – Other Business

Signature Items – Town Road & Bridge Standards

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Anson Montgomery.

Members Absent: Matt Groom, Colleen Mays.

Others Present: Rudy Elliott, Marilyn Miller, Patty Sue Carter, Miron Malboeuf, Craig Klofach, John Goss, Peter DeFreest, Barry Simpson, Sue Hoxie, Bob Messner, Elwin Chambers & Cindi Jones.

7:10 PM – Meeting Called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:12 PM – Warren Fire Dept – Peter DeFreest – Mr. DeFreest started off by updating the board on the truck in NJ. The oil tests came back with diesel in the oil and antifreeze in the transmission. They are looking at other trucks that around \$100,000.00.

Mountain Side Condo's – 36 condo units were lost as 6 departments responded, Waitsfield, Moretown, Berlin, Waterbury and Stowe. The fire marshal was called in to investigate but the fire seems like it was started from a zero tolerance fireplace unit built in the 70's. The departments lacked of water as they taxed the Sugarbush domestic water and pulled for 4-5 hours off the line before they had to stop and the main pumper ran out of fuel. Possibly in the future the village should look at their present hydrant system and possibly hook it on to the snow making line but the line is only a 6" line and would have to be upgraded. There was no loss of life or injuries reported. The board thanked the Warren Fire Department for their efforts in this fire.

7:30 PM – Public Hearing – VCDP Disaster Recovery Implementation Grant 2013 - Ms. Jones explained that this was grant application for replacing the culvert just past Joyce's View on Plunkton Road to a pipe arch with an open bottom. This culvert was taken out by Tropical Storm Irene and the hydraulics indicates that it is not sized correctly for the rain storms. During Tropical Storm Irene, the Town had to put the old existing culvert back and rebuild it so that emergency vehicles could get Granville, Hancock and Rochester as those communities were cut off. The pipe arch also benefits Warren as we have homeowners that were trapped on the other side during Tropical Storm Irene and it is considered a high volume of traffic road. The grant amount is for \$206,369 with the town's share being \$20,637. There were no comments regarding this grant application. The board was in favor of the application.

7:35 PM – Vermont Gran Fondo Bicycle Race, June 14, 2015 – Sue Hoxie – Ms. Hoxie is from the Chamber of Commerce in Middlebury helping to organize this event. The riders are on the 75 and 103 mile courses that enter Warren coming over the Lincoln Gap Road and turning left onto route 100 with a rest stop at the Warren Store and the riders would get back on Route 100, turning left on the Sugarbush Access Road, right to German Flats and head over the Appalachian Gap. They are working with Vtrans to develop a traffic safety plan.

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Ms. Hoxie explained that she has have hired ADA to create a traffic plan that could involve flaggers, blue lights, and traffic boards as the cyclists descend Lincoln Gap from the top where there will be rest stop.

Mr. Ackland was concerned that road is long, narrow, winding and steep with challenges. Mr. Malboeuf commented that it should have a control release. A road such as that being steep many would come down at a fast pace instead of a safe rate of speed. There are also wet leaves and spots where gravel washes across the road. Mr. Montgomery having skied down Lincoln Gap knows the challenges it presents. He also commented that he would love to see the event but Lincoln Gap is more challenging than the other Gaps that the riders would be going over. It is more of a safety issue for the riders and motor traffic. The board requested that Ms. Hoxie present input from cyclists who have cycled Lincoln Gap before they give approval for the bike ride.

7:50 PM – Town Meeting Moderator Check In – Bob Messner – Mr. Messner started with article 2 and the motion on the budget for clarification. The budget would flow the same as last year with the board dividing up the sections to address any questions. Mr. Ackland will be doing the highway presentation as he presented last year. Mr. Ackland also inquired if he could talk for 5 or 10 minutes that shows the revenue and disbursements and how the tax dollars affect the tax rate. Mr. Messer was not sure if that could be presented before the school meeting as it was not on the warning. He suggested that he ask Mr. Rosen if he could have the 5 or 10 minutes. Ms. Jones commented that Mr. Ackland's analysis of the town's funds gives the taxpayer a better understanding of the tax bills. A lot of people do not understand the CLA from the schools presentation and it was a request at last year's town meeting. Presenting that cash flow before the school budget is the best unique time. Mr. Ackland also felt that there are two community groups: one for the school and one for the school.

8:05 PM – Renew the Downtown Village Designation – Craig Klofach – Mr. Klofach discussed that the Town has to renew its Downtown Village Center Designation which enables the Town to receive grants. The PC is exploring the idea to expand the neighborhood to include the Town Garage site. The VDAT applications are close to being sent in and this grant is a benefit for the Town as they have the Village Center Designation currently.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery to authorize the Chair, Mr. Cunningham, to sign Renewing the Down Town Village Designation, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

8:10 PM – DPW – Barry Simpson –

Covered Bridge – Dubois and King have hired a company to do test borings on the aprons at the Covered Bridge.

Water System – Mr. Simpson reported that Bannon Engineering has identified a site on the Town owned land between Rebecca Peatman and Lisa Miserendino to do some directionally borings for drilling that would cost about \$1,000., Mr. Montgomery stated that there is not an urgent need to do this right now given the weather.

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He suggested waiting until spring before doing any work. Mr. Ackland commented that he would like see the final budget before authorizing spending for this.

Tennis Court Trees – Mr. Simpson reported that Mr. Hartshorn has been on site removing the trees at the Tennis Courts.

Snow Removal – Mr. Elliott inquired about the large snow banks at the intersections. Mr. Simpson reported that the crew was starting to remove some of it. Ms. Carter inquired about two contractors dumping snow on the Roth Lot and town resources hauling it a way. Mr. Simpson would contact them.

8:35 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2014, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

8:37 PM – Roads and Bridges Standards – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Road and Bridge Standards, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

8:40 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants for \$63,478.79 as presented, second by Mr. Montgomery.
All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

8:45 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants as presented for \$18,494.50, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

8:50 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session for personnel, inviting Mr. Chambers, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

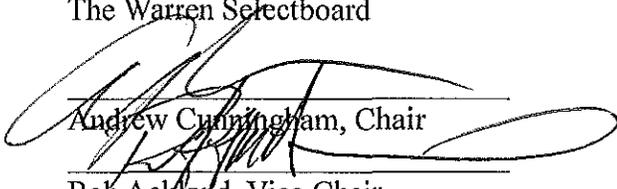
9:17 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:20 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Montgomery.

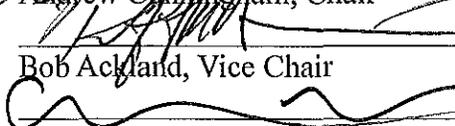
All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Ms. Jones, Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Andrew Cunningham, Chair



Bob Ackland, Vice Chair



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