

Agenda  
Warren Selectboard  
July 8, 2014  
Warren Municipal Building  
7:00 PM

✓ 7:00 PM – Award Bid for The Blair House

✓ 7:15 PM – Dept of Public Works Update  
✓ Access Road Geostabilation Update  
✓ Plunkton Road Closure & Culvert Update  
✓ Shashoua-Astheimer Pond Update

✓ 7:30 PM – Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2014 9,484.66

✓ 7:35 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll Pay = 221,208.84

7:40 PM – Other Business  
Riverside Park

**Minutes of July 8, 2014**  
Warren Selectboard  
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**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Colleen Mays & Matt Groom.

**Members Absent:** Anson Montgomery

**Others Present:** Nate Griswald, Barry Simpson, TV 44/45, Rachel (VR), and Cindi Jones.

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

**7:05 PM – Road Closing – Covered Bridge Road** – Matt Griswald – Yestermorrow – Matt Griswald from Inhabitect presented to the board a letter that he is teaching a class on installing a vegetated green roof on a home located at 72 Covered Bridge Road. He would like to close Covered Bridge Road on July 17, 2014 from 9:00AM- 3:00PM so that they can use a crane to hoist the materials to the project. He will notify all emergency organizations and provide road closed signs and personnel during the closure to direct traffic.

Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the road closure on July 17, 2014 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:10 PM – Award Bid for The Blair House** – The Town received 4 bids on the Blair House as follows: Kingsbury Construction: \$28,760.00, MSI: \$28,542.00, Resurgency Demo: \$36,972.00 and Rounds Construction at \$18,900.00.

Motion by Mr. Groom to accept Rounds Construction Bid for \$18,900.00, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:15 PM – Dept. of Public Works – Barry Simpson** –

The two Geostabilization projects have been completed by GSI on the Sugarbush Access Road. The town will next year budget for the next section to be completed to stabilize the Sugarbush Access Road.

Shashoua-Astheimer Pond – The Town has sent a letter from the Town's attorney to both parties.

**Covered Bridge** –Mr. Simpson met with VTRANS, the ANR, and Historic Preservation regarding the Covered Bridge Abutment repair. They all seem to agree to replace the western side abutment same location, work on repairing the stringers beams and bearing blocks.

**7:40 PM \_ Other Business:**

Ms. Goss received a concern from a mountain biker that was doing the loop from Prickley over to Alpine Road that there is a private property that has a lot of trash accumulated on it at the intersection of Prickley/Chatfield Road. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Simpson and the health

officer will investigate.

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**7:50 PM – Green Mountain Stage Race** – Gary Kessler – Mr. Kessler came before the board asking permission to use the roads in Warren for Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. They will have Flat Iron Road closed for time trials that will run to the Waitsfield Town Line. It is the same set up as last year with notifying all land owners and the appropriate emergency entities. He will follow up with the road permit and fee.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Festival Permit for the Green Mountain Stage Race, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**7:55 PM – Friends of the Northfield Ridge** – The Warren Selectboard acknowledge the letter sent by the Friends regarding wind power. The board read the letter and commented that the Warren Planning Commission is working on this section of the regulations.

**8:00PM – River Side Park** – The board received a letter from Steve Butcher regarding River Side Park.- The letter stated that the park was not an attractive place to come anymore as it was before the July 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> storms. When the July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> storms happened, the park sustained exposure to large dead trees, rocks and other debris. The town had limited resources as other roads were deemed a necessity to the public. So it was voted to not mow the park or clean it up. The Friends of the Mad River and the Conservation Commission have expressed that it should be left as a flood plain as rivers move over time. The board all agreed that they wanted a useful park for citizens to come to enjoy. Mr. Groom commented that he wanted it mowed down to the river with no riparian buffer zone and weed wacked around the trees that were planted by the Friends of the Mad River. It has been mowed 3 times since the last meeting and will get better as it is continuously mowed. Mr. Groom commented that the eastern side of the park should be opened up and mowed down to the river whether it meant that a contractor comes in and clears the old down trees near the riparian buffer zone, level and fill in the holes, grade and add top soil.

Mr. Cunningham suggested that Mr. Groom prepare a sketch plan on how to make the park more inevitable and a cost for adding, top soil and clearing debris.

**8:20 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrants for \$9,484.66 as presented, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**8:25 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$221,208.84, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**8:26PM – Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2014** – Deferred – Not enough members to sign that were present at that meeting.

**8:30 PM** – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into executive session regarding real estate, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

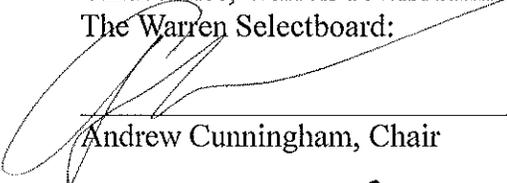
**8:45 PM** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Groom. All

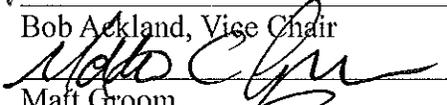
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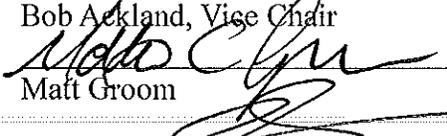
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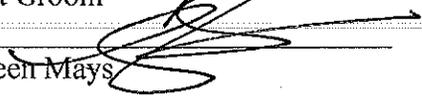
8:50 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator  
The Warren Selectboard:

  
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Andrew Cunningham, Chair

  
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Bob Ackland, Vice Chair

  
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7/7/14

To: Town of Warren

From: Nathan D. Griswold, ASLA, GRP  
President  
Inhabitect, LLC

Subject: Green Roof Installation – 72 Covered Bridge Road

To who it may concern,

My name is Nathan Griswold and I am a contractor that has been hired to install a vegetated green roof on a home located at 72 Covered Bridge Road in Warren, VT. I will be installing this roof as a part of the 2014 Green Roof Design and Installation course that I am teaching at Yestermorrow Design/Build School.

We plan to install this roof on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and in order to do this we will need to close down Covered Bridge Road from 9am through 3pm on this day. We need to hoist materials with a crane and the only way to do this safely is by shutting down the road.

We have reached out to the following groups and organizations to let them know of our plans and we hope that you grant us your blessing to move forward.

- Waitsfield Fire Department
- Warren Fire Department
- Green Mountain Power
- Sheriff's Department of Washington County\
- Mad River Ambulance

Again we are requesting the closure of Covered Bridge Road on Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am through 3pm. This project is educational in nature and the students will be getting unmatched hands on experience. I hope that you approve of this request.

Sincerely,

Nathan D. Griswold, ASLA, GRP  
President



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Waste Management & Prevention Division  
Solid Waste Program  
1 National Life Drive, Davis 1  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3704  
Tel: 802-828-1138

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

June 25, 2014

Town of Warren  
Reta Goss  
PO Box 337  
Warren, VT 05674

Dear Vermont Municipal Official:

As a municipality you are one of the stakeholders affected by Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). **Information in this letter is included to help identify your specific responsibilities under the law.** Municipalities, solid waste facilities and haulers, food scrap generators, residents, businesses, and institutions are all affected by the law. The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is creating materials to help each stakeholder group understand the objectives of Universal Recycling, and to provide ample notification for critical dates outlined in the law. Many of you may already be working with your solid waste district or alliance on these responsibilities.

Please find enclosed a Universal Recycling summary sheet for municipalities, as well as a summary and Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) sheet for residents. Please distribute these to municipal officials (Town Managers, Town Clerks, Select Board Members, Transfer Station employees, etc.) as necessary.

Below are key requirements for municipalities under the Universal Recycling Law. **Municipalities must:**

- Implement a variable rate pricing system\* (also known as unit-based pricing) that charges for collection of trash from residential customers by volume or weight by **July 1, 2015**. Guidance is available from the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) on our Universal Recycling webpage.
- Provide equal number of containers for listed<sup>215</sup> recyclables alongside all trash containers in public spaces by **July 1, 2015**
- Comply with listed recyclables landfill ban by **July 1, 2015**
- Comply with leaf, yard and clean wood debris landfill ban by **July 1, 2016**
- Comply with food scraps landfill ban by **July 1, 2020**

\*Variable rate pricing (also known as unit-based pricing or pay as you throw) is a rate structure where a person pays a set fee for each bag (e.g. volume unit), or for each pound (e.g. weight unit) of trash they throw away. These

<sup>215</sup> Listed recyclables under Act 148 include: aluminum and steel cans, aluminum foil and pie pans, glass bottles and jars from food and beverages, PET and HDPE plastic bottles and jugs, corrugated cardboard, white and mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail, envelopes, and box board.

Other materials are already banned from the landfill in Vermont; this list is not a comprehensive list of the statewide landfill ban. Additionally, many solid waste management districts already mandate recycling of these and other materials.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Q: Why is the law needed?

A: Vermonters recycle or compost only half of the materials they could. These materials are valuable and throwing them out is a waste of money, energy, and shared resources.

### 2. Q: What are the benefits of the law?

A: There are several benefits. To name a few:

- Lowers Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions (estimated 38% improvement)
- Increases recycling (estimated increase from current rate of 33% to goal of 60%) and reduces the need for landfills
- More recycling conserves resources and reduces energy consumption
- Stimulates economic growth
- Supports the local food system
- Fosters stronger community connections

### 3. Q: What if I don't have collection or drop-off options for recycling, leaf and yard debris, or food scraps in my area?

A: All solid waste haulers and facilities are required to collect and accept listed recyclables, leaf and yard debris, and food scraps from residents by specific dates (see question 5). If these services are not offered by your trash hauler or transfer station call the Agency of Natural Resources at 802-828-1138.

Facilities and haulers can charge a combined fee for collecting trash and recyclables. They may charge fees for collecting leaf and yard debris and food scraps. To save money, composting food scraps, leaf and yard debris at home is encouraged.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Department of Environmental Conservation**  
Waste Management & Prevention Division, Solid Waste Program  
1 National Life Drive, Davis 1, Montpelier, VT 05620-3704  
#(802)828-1138  
[www.recycle.vermont.gov](http://www.recycle.vermont.gov)

### 4. Q: Is anyone going to enforce the landfill bans?

A: Yes. The Agency of Natural Resources has enforcement authority and solid waste districts and towns also have enforcement authority. However, education and outreach will be the initial method of implementing Universal Recycling.

### 5. Q: What are the full specifications of the law for these materials?

A: Listed Recyclables:

- Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2014
- Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2015
- Must be collected in public spaces (alongside trash containers) starting July 1, 2015
- Banned from the landfill starting July 1, 2015

Leaf & Yard Debris:

- Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2015
- Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2016
- Banned from the landfill starting July 1, 2016

Food Scraps:

- Facilities must collect starting July 1, 2017
- Haulers must offer collection on July 1, 2017
- Banned from the landfill starting July 1, 2020

### 6. Q: Where can I find information on facilities or haulers who can collect my recycling, trash or food scraps? And other unwanted household products such as paint, e-waste or hazardous waste?

A: See our website for proper disposal information and for a contact list for you local solid waste district, alliance or town clerk:  
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/swmdlist.htm>

June 26, 2014

To Members of the Warren Select Board:

Friends of the Northfield Ridge (FNR) is a non-profit corporation formed by residents of the Mad River Valley. Its purpose is to protect the wild nature of the ridgelines to the east and west of the Valley. With regard to the eastern ridgeline FNR has adopted as its area of concern the forest reserve districts as defined in the Zoning Regulations of the Towns of Warren, Waltsfield and Moretown. As the Town of Warren is currently working on updating its town plan, especially with regard to the utilization of wind energy, FNR thought it provident that it provide comments which may be helpful to Warren as it works its way through its process.

#### **Draft of Section 4.19 Small Wind Turbines**

Two problems with wind turbines not addressed in this draft are shadow flicker or glare. Language could be added that says something about limiting exposure to neighboring properties such as "no shadow flicker shall fall anywhere on neighboring properties".

The town might also consider a height limitation. Since Section 4.19 only pertains to small wind turbines it seems that a height limitation of 100' would be appropriate, at least in the forest reserve district.

#### **Existing Wind Energy, Wind Energy and Definitions**

In order to be meaningful to regulators (Public Service Board) the town plan needs to contain a specific clear written community standard. Reference should be made to both the Lincoln Ridge and the Northfield Ridge. The plan should address the possibility of wind shadow of the Lincoln Ridge interfering with the wind resource of the Northfield Ridge. In addition, the town plan should address the proximity to residences which make certain locations on the Northfield Ridge inappropriate for wind energy.

FNR are aware that The Renewable Energy Atlas of Vermont may seriously overstate the wind resource estimates available on the Northfield Ridge. FNR believes that Warren would not be able to achieve its goal of wind providing 20% of its (25%) renewable energy goals.

Regulators could interpret Warren's goals regarding utility-scale wind as confusing and lacking specificity. Does Warren support utility-scale wind on the Northfield Ridge or not? If its position is that it does not then it should specifically state that and all references to utility-scale wind in the Forest Reserve District should be consistent with that statement. For instance: "Wind Turbines 1mw or larger are prohibited from the Forest Reserve District and consequently the Northfield Ridge" and list the reasons with detail and specificity so regulators cannot find any inconsistencies in the town plan with regard to this position.

The Implementation Strategies open the door for the PSB to see conflicting language and interpret the town plan to mean that utility-scale wind is something the town wants.

~~The Definitions should be revisited. NPS 100 wind turbines are not considered small scale.~~

Community/Cooperative projects defined as greater than 100kw could cause problems. A group net metered project could cause problems with noise, shadow flicker and glare unless addressed with specificity to give the PSB guidance for net-metered systems.

We hope that these shared insights will be helpful to the commission as you consider how best to express through this "visionary" document what is in the best interest of the citizens of Warren in regards to the wind energy section of the Warren Town Plan. Please feel free to contact us if we may be of any further support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Friends of the Northfield Ridge Board of Directors

Candice Shaffer, President (Waitsfield)

Greg Schipa, Vice President (Warren)

Avril Howe, Secretary (Waitsfield)

Robert Shaffer, Treasurer (Waitsfield)

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