

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

- ✓ 7:00 PM – Hearing on the 2015 Capital Budget
- ✓ 7:30 PM – The Path – Mac Rood – Discussion on Planning for a Bridge on the Top Gas Parcel.
- ✓ 7:45 PM – Conservation Commission – Management Plans
- ✓ 8:00 PM – Sugarbush – Gadd Brook Development Review
- ✓ 8:30 PM – Final Approval of 2015 Budget & Wastewater Budget
- 8:45 PM – Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2015
- 8:48 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants
- 9:00 PM – Other Business

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, & Matt Groom.

Members Absent: Colleen Mays and Anson Montgomery.

Others Present: Margo Wade, Jim Westell, Jeff Schoellkopf, Barry Simpson, Mac Rood, Sam TV 44/45, Damon Reed, Nick Morehouse, Alan Hartshorn, Peter DeFreest, Rocky Bleier, and Cindi Jones.

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

7:05 PM - Hearing on the 2015 Capital Budget – Mr. Cunningham highlighted the items that were increased in the budget phase. Paving was increased by \$20,000, Fire Fighter Training & Personal Equipment was increased to by \$120,000 for air packs, and Town Planning & Development was increased due the VDAT Side Walk Village Improvements,

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Capital Budget as presented for \$809,000 2015 funding, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:35 PM – The Path – Mac Rood came to the board to discuss the feasibility of the Path building a pedestrian bridge from the newly acquired Top Gas Parcel, extending across the river to the back acreage of the property. The Path would look into a conceptional engineering design and meet with the ANR to see if they would give the Town a permit to build. If so, the Path would fund raise for the project. Mr. Rood was asking the Warren Selectboard authorization to proceed with moving forward on this.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to approve the concept of a bridge, permits, and fund raising by the Path, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

7:45 PM – Conservation Commission – Management Plans – Mr. Reed presented to the board draft management plans for a few of the Town parcels. Mr. Reed commented that they are short and precise. The plans represent hands off as much as possible and some include plantings that the Friends of the Mad River are working on funds for. Mowing would be required around the plantings and simple pathways to the river would be mowed. Mr. Reed also commented that there are thoughts of changing a few names and to educate the public with signs that these parcels are management floodplain areas. They would have maps of these parcels after Town meeting. Mr. Cunningham commented that the Conservation Commission should come back to the board after Town Meeting to discuss each of them with maps and possible name changes.

7:50 PM –Sugarbush Expansion – Gadd Brook Phase – Ms. Wade presented to the board the overall plan for the phased in development at Sugarbush. Sugarbush finished the Rice Brook phase adding 15 more residential units. They are now permitting the Gadd Brook Phase II. The Gadd Brook phase is a 16 unit building consisting of a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units with single level (flats) and two level (townhouse configurations). The building size is approximately 40,000 square feet with 3 and 4 stories over an underground parking garage. Questions from the Warren Fire Dept were raised about the project. Mr. Schoellkopf commented that the building will be up to the State Fire Codes and that there is a fire suppression sprinkler system being built in the parking garage as well as the structure. The parking garage will have a smoke evacuation system included. The access to the building is much better than the Rice Brook building with access below in the parking lot and access on the west and north side of the parking lot. They will be extending one fire hydrant and adding 2 others that will be connected to the Mt. Water Company which will be an 8" line. Mr. Ackland inquired on the pressure for the sprinkler system. Ms. Wade commented that there is enough static pressure to keep the line fully charged. Mr. Cunningham inquired on why not extend the Sugarbush snow making line over to the Fire Station, so that it would be easier, more efficient for firefighting than running lines all over the place. Mr. Westall commented that they would be interested in extending the line, however, would like the town and the other condo associations to buy into and help to pay for the cost of extending that line. He also commented that Sugarbush is willing to pay for any training that the Warren Fire Dept needs in helping to fight fires in the Sugarbush buildings. Mr. DeFreest commented that around the circle, he would like the curbs eliminated so that they can easily back the trucks behind these buildings and that they would have to kept plowed out. He also inquired on the circle turning radius. Mr. Schoellkopf commented that the circle radius meets the requirement of large fire trucks to make the required turns. Mr. Defreest would also like an EVAC plan for all the buildings and hands on emergency person contact that is available for all the Sugarbush buildings 24/7. Ms. Wade would send that along to Mr. DeFreest. Mr. Morehouse commented that from the south side of the building that the Warren Fire Dept does not have any access or ladders to get to the second top floors and that there is no access behind the building. He also commented that in the future phases they would like to have at least 360 access to all sides of the buildings. Ms. Wade commented with the restrictions of the Rice Brook, and Claybrook, it is challenging to provide the necessary fire lanes for the fire dept. When Rice Brook was built there was no resolved solution of 360 access for the fire dept. Sugarbush does understand that they need to continue to work with Warren Fire Dept for fire protection. Mr. Morehouse commented that The Town of Warren needs to develop a Fire Ordinance to clearly govern this type of development. It should not be negotiations between volunteer members of the Fire Dept and the paid staff at Sugarbush and their consultants. This build out of the Sugarbush's plan clearly hampers the Fire Depts. ability to provide fire protection. Continue development at the mountain impacts the fire department staffing and this type of development will lead to the need to add paid staff which will have a perpetual, annual impact to the towns municipal services budget.

Mr. Cunningham also commented that there have been traffic flow problems for the Warren Crew to maintain the Access Road when the resort is full. With the backup of traffic on heavy snow times and small storms, the plow truck is sitting in traffic.

It was suggested that a right hand turn lane would help to keep the traffic moving. Ms. Wade commented that she did not think it was the 4 way intersection causing the backup that it was above that and stated that they needed to look at the traffic flow and do a better job on keeping it moving. They did not think a right hand turning lane would help, as they felt that the traffic back up was leaving the resort. There were no further questions. Sugarbush thanked the Warren Selectboard for their time and consideration of this project.

9:05 PM – Impact Questionnaire for Gadd Brook – Sugarbush - Mr. Cunningham will review and make comments.

9:15 PM – Approval of Wastewater Budget – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Wastewater Budget as presented second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:20 PM – Approval of the 2015 Town Budget – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Town Budget for \$3,541,560 Gross Expenditures up 7.74%, with the capital budget showing the largest increase with a net budget of \$3,059,795 up 3.0% second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

9:25 PM – Town Meeting Warning – The board reviewed the warning as presented. Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the 2015 Town Meeting Warning, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9: 28 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Groom to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2014, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:30 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrant as presented for \$10,518.33, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

9:35 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable as presented for \$ 68,513.34, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

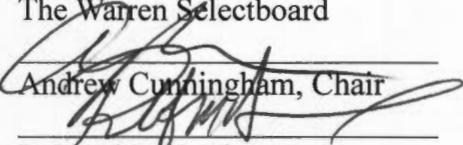
Other Business:

Approval of Liquor License for West Hill House B & B - Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the liquor license renewal for the West Hill House B & B, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.

Certificate of Mileage – Signed and approved.

9:40 PM – Motion by Mr. Groom. to adjourn, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 3-0.
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



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