

AGENDA
WARREN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016
7:00 PM
WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

✓ 7:00 PM – WARREN CONSERVATION PLAN ADOPTION – Public Hearing

7:25 PM – DPW – BARRY SIMPSON -PROJECT UPDATES

- ✓ Joe Casper – Road Curb Cut Application
- ✓ Brooks Field Bollard Replacement/Fire Pond Fence Repair
- ✓ Town Sign Repair, Replacement continued
- ✓ Clean Water Initiative Grant Award
- ✓ Historic Preservation Grant Application for Town Hall – Library Exterior

800 PM – MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2016

8:05 PM – APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND PAYABLES:

27,671.57 25,331.25

810 PM – OTHER BUSINESS

** Agenda Subject to Change**

Minutes of June 14, 2016
Warren Selectboard
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Luke Youmell, Randy Graves and Clay Mays.

Others Present: Damon Reed, Amy Polaczyk, TV 44/45 Sam, Jonathan Clough, David Campanelli, and Cindi Jones.

7:00 PM – Warren Conservation Plan Adoption – Public Hearing – Mr. Reed, Amy Polaczyk, and Jonathan Clough were present at the meeting for public comment. The Management Plans are for the following town properties: Riverside Park, Wabanacki and Quayl Bend. The first plan discussed was Quayl Bend. Mr. Ackland commented about the knot weed control on how was it going to be manage. Mr. Reed commented that it allows us to control it but there is no plan on control. The signage has been prepared for Quayl Bend and will be contracted soon.

Riverside – As discussed the area on the map would be extended a little to include mowing by the Path. The mowing is being done as discussed last year with mowing and weed whacking around the trees that the Friends of the Mad River had planted last year. There will be no more signage on that site, as there is quite a lot there now.

Wabanacki – The map does show an area of tree planting if the Town decides they ever want to plant trees. Mr. Cunningham commented that it has been and could be used again for staging area.

Mr. Reed commented that these plans are working plans and can be altered at any time. Mr. Cunningham read the goals of what these plans were created by the Conservation Commission as follows:

Protect water quality and river health

Ensure the waters in the Mad River watershed will be cold, clean, and clear; safe to swim in; and will support a healthy diversity of native aquatic species.

Protect and restore floodplain forests and forested riparian buffers

Plant and protect native trees and other plants so they will dominate the floodplain forests and the riparian areas along the Mad River. The River's banks should be shaded and stabilized by a forested riparian area. Facilitate the regeneration of forests by tending trees and removing or limiting invasive plant species. Follow the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Riparian Buffer Guidance (2005) and attempt to restore or maintain an undisturbed 50-foot vegetated buffer as measured from the top of the bank. The best practice is for riparian buffers to be managed as “undisturbed” areas, meaning the complete avoidance of earth-moving activities; the storage of materials; the removal of trees, shrubs, or groundcover; and mowing (VT DEC Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Protection Procedures, Draft 10/6/2014).

Allow the river channel to return to a balanced state

The Mad River will be allowed to flood its banks and erode and deposit sediments along its channel over time, which may lead to a change in the location and appearance of the channel. Consideration can be given to current human structures with a goal of mitigating their impact. Reforestation of the riparian corridor will slow erosion impacts and impede channel realignment.

Promote public river access, low-impact recreational uses and community education

The public will be encouraged to use the Mad River as a place to play, swim, fish, picnic, walk, exercise, seek solitude, and socialize. Specific sites can be developed for low impact use in order to provide a simple, quiet place for human enjoyment. Educational signage will be provided. Maintenance of river access and recreational areas will be defined for Town owned parcels.

Protect and enhance wildlife habitats for a diversity of species

The Mad River corridor will contribute habitat for healthy populations of many wildlife species that live directly in and alongside the River, as well as for those who travel along the River corridor. Planting of trees and shrubs will enhance, and low-impact recreation will not heavily impact, wildlife use.

The board thanked the Conservation Commission for their work on the plans and look forward to discussing the Warren Corridor Plan when the Arrow Wood Study has been completed.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to accept the Management Plans for Quayl, Bend, Riverside Park and Wabanacki as presented, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7: 15 PM – Department of Public Works – Barry Simpson

Casper Road Access Permit – The Casper Road Access cut is off Plunkton Road and it has good site visibility and meets the road standards.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Casper Road Access Permit, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Brooks Field Bollards – Mr. Simpson is proposing to replace about 30 of the current bollards that are broken or rotten. He presented a few options of putting a nylon rope connecting each bollard, or using a steel coated 3/16 cable. The board agreed to replace just the 30 bollards and leave the cable gates.

Fire Ponds – Brooks Field – Mr. Simpson commented that Mr. DeFrest, had asked him about the repairs to the two fire ponds. Brookfield has a lot of dead rotten trees that have fallen on to it and the fence needs repair. Mr. Mays commented that he thought it was just a bog that has filled in. Mr. Simpson commented that there is a good spring that provides water to the hydrant on Brooks Field. This one is by the interpretive trail and needs the trees removed and fence repaired. The other one is down behind the town garage and needs fence repair only. The board agreed for Mr. Simpson to look into hiring someone to clear the trees off the fences and then see about a fence repair company.

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Town Sign Repairs – Mr. Simpson presented estimates from last year regarding the Town signs that still need to be repaired. Mr. Ackland commented that the Brooksfield/Warren School sign needs some re-design to incorporate it into the village theme. The board agreed that Mr. Simpson should have Mr. Potter from Wood and Wood come out and look at it and see if some creativity could be done for a new sign and keeping in mind the site issues. Mr. Cunningham asked Mr. Simpson what has been budgeted? Mr. Simpson estimated the cost of \$2,905 to \$3,050 and that it would come out of the Capital Account Town Improvements. Mr. Ackland also commented that he should ask Mr. Potter about new materials for longevity and maintenance in the future. The wooden signs that are around town require a lot of periodic maintainance as they are made from wood.

Clean Water Grant – Mr. Simpson reported that the grant funding was approved for the engineering study for erosion on at the bottom of Fuller Hill Road.

Historic Perseveration Grant – Mr. Simpson will also apply again to the Historic Preservation for grants to address the upper windows and outer exterior of the Warren Town Hall.

8:05 PM – Approval of Accounts Payables Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrants as presented for \$27,671.57, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:10 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$32,331.25, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:15 PM – Approval of Minutes – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of May 24, 2016, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:16 PM – Other Business:

Mr. Campanelli inquired about what was going to be done with Quayl Bend. He was late and missed the discussion. Mr. Cunningham explained to him about that parcel and the management plan. Mr. Campanelli also inquired about the road access cut on Main Street.

Mad river Valley Planning District Note: There will be a meeting Thursday night at the Waitsfield Town Office from the Economic Development Committee. Members are encouraged to attend.

8:20 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to adjourn, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

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Warren Town Administrator

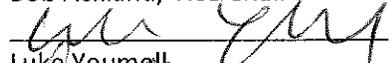
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