

**Notice to Voters**

The legal voters of the Town of Warren are hereby notified that the deadline for registration to vote for the below warned meeting shall be Wednesday February 27, 2008 at 5 PM. Legal voters of the Town of Warren may request absentee ballots for Australian ballot at the Town Clerk's office on Monday March 3, 2008 until 5 PM. An authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

**WARNING AND MINUTES  
FOR TOWN MEETING 2008**

The meeting was called or order and the Warning was read by moderator, Robert Messner, at 9:05 AM.

The residents of the Town of Warren who are legal voters in the town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Warren Elementary School in the Town of Warren on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following matters:

Article 1. To review and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2007. **Mac Rood reviewed the reports of the Town Officers. Motion was made and seconded to approve the reports as printed. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.**

Article 2. Shall the Town establish a policy of reconstructing and paving in an orderly fashion existing gravel roads that serve as feeder roads in Town, establishing capital reserves for this purpose at the rate of \$150,000 annually. The purpose of such a program would be to eliminate "mud season" on major arteries; to facilitate access by fire, police, ambulance and other emergency or essential services; to improve the public road system and in the long term to reduce the annual cost of maintaining gravel roads?

This article created lengthy discussion on the pro and cons of paving. Pavement would:

- Provide better access for emergency vehicles.
- Improve mud season
- Encourage traffic to move faster
- Take away from the scenic character of the town.
- No need for expensive gravel
- Require tree removal
- Require more salt which is already in short supply
- Cost \$93,000 to pave less than a mile

Recommendations were:

- To have public hearings before roads were paved
- Put in the hands of Planning Commission

Carefully review which roads would be paved so that the town could move in the right direction.

Michael Barker moved to divide the article into two parts. Motion seconded.

2a. Shall the Town establish a policy of reconstructing and paving in an orderly fashion.

2b. Town, establishing capital reserves for this purpose at the rate of \$150,000 annually.

Discussion lead to what was needed for reconstruction leading up to paving, would road need to be widened and trees cut?

2aa. Lisa Miserendino stated that the Planning commission had already conducted a road study; possibly they should create a plan.

Barker was felt that the Select board should be giving the approval.

Lenord Robinson stated that if a road did not have good drainage and base pavement would be useless because it would break up.

George Schenk stated that mud season gave people time to slow down and maybe it would cause people to travel less. We should look at the situation in a few years to see if the travel patterns had changed.

Win Smith asked if the budget process wouldn't take care of the discussion phase. The board would budget for a project and when it was brought to the voters in March the voters would have a chance to find out what and where the work was proposed.

Discussion ended and amendment 2aa (Planning Commission) was voted down by a voice vote.

2a. voted by paper ballot 81 yes and 67 no.

2b Dean Auslander stated that there was already money in the Road and Capital Budget for paving. Selectmen explained that that money was in the Road Budget for routine repaving existing and in capital for future major repaving, particularly the Sugarbush Access Road. No money has been budgeted for rebuilding and paving roads that are presently unpaved.

Chris Kathan stated that if the gravel roads were fixed and maintained their would be no need to pave.

Discussion was ended and amendment 2b was defeated by a voice vote.

Article 3. Shall the town approve a sum of \$750 for the support of Central Vermont Community Land Trust?

Linda Lloyd spoke on behalf of CVCLT. Motion was seconded Article approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 4. Shall the town approve a sum of \$600 for the support of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

Jocyce Crabtree spoke on behalf of CVADE. David Sellers felt that if it cost \$600 only helped ½ a student that we should increase the amount to \$1200 motion seconded but was defeated by a voice vote.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the \$600. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 5. Shall the town approve a sum of \$200 for the support of Family Center of Washington County?

Lisa Miserendino represented FCWC . Motin was made and seconded to approve the \$200. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Warren pass a non-binding resolution to reduce the aggregate energy usage and carbon emissions of the residences, businesses, and institutions within the town of Warren by 10% by the year 2010?

John Norton and Ronnie Donnefeld of the Carbon Shredders gave information and explanation of the resolution. After discussion article was moved and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Warren resolve to support the 10 by 10 carbon reduction initiative, as proposed by the Mad River Valley based group Carbon Shredders, through active participation in the 10 by 10 program? This participation would include calculating current co2 footprint and using tools made available for free by Carbon Shredders, and pledging a 10% reduction in energy-usage and co2 emissions by 2010. This resolution would mandate the participation by town institutions and facilities?

Burt Bauchner motioned to amend the article by replacing the word "mandate" with the word "pledge". Amendment seconded and approved by a voice vote. Article approved as amended by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Warren approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$600.00, to support and local community education program offered by the Mad River Valley-based group Carbon Shredders in partnership with the non-profit Yestermorrow Design and Building School, with the goal of getting the Town's residents, businesses, and institutions to reduce their energy usage and carbon footprints by 10% by the year 2010. Said funds would be used to cover a portion of the operating expenses associated with workshops, educational materials and public awareness and support programs, during the 2008 fiscal year, and would be paid via reimbursements by the Town, subject to Town approval of each expense?

Following discussion motion moved article was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 9. Shall the Town of Warren allocate \$20,000 to the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund for the year 2008?

Damon Reed and Margo Wade of the Conservation Committee spoke to the article and answered questions. Article was approved by a show of hand vote then again by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 10. In future years, shall allocations to the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund be included in the Town's Capital Budget (and not be a separate Town Meeting Article) subject, as all other parts of the Budgets, to revision from the floor?

After discussion Article was moved and defeated by a voice vote.

Article 11. Shall the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Mac Rood moved that the town approve a budget of \$2,375,681 which includes the money added in the proceeding articles. After discussion Article moved and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 12. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?

Article moved and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 13. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

Article moved and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 14. Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property paid in installments, and set the dates, and to see whether payments shall be with or without discounts, and set the amount thereof?

John Norton moved that the taxes be bill "the same as last year" (billed July 10, due Aug 10 and delinquent November 10). Motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 15. Shall the Town Vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren Elementary School?

Mac Rood explained the advantages of the money going to the school. Amendment was presented placing the money into an account which would allow local groups or individuals to apply for the funds. Amendment defeated by a voice vote.

Article was moved and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 16. Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town?

Butch Hartshorn voices his opposition to the board being able to purchase land without the approval of the voters. Amendment to the amendment to

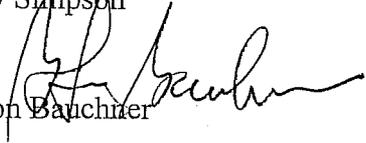
cap the purchase to \$100,000 which failed to be seconded. Mr. Hartshorn's amendment was defeated by a voice vote. Article was approved as printed by a voice vote in the affirmative.

- Article 17. The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 4, 2008.
1. Election of all Town and School Officers required by law.  
See Attached
  2. Shall the Town vote to fill the office of Constable by appointment of the Select board rather than by election, in accordance with State Statutes, Title 17 V.S.A. 2651a?  
No 297 / Yes 288
- Article 18. Shall the town strongly support the implementation of full bike lanes on Rt. 100 from Bragg Hill Road in Waitsfield to Warren Village when it is repaved, currently scheduled for 2010. Safety, health and wellness, recreation and tourism are all benefits of the state fulfilling the requirements of Vermont Statutes Chapter 19 section 2310 (a) and (b) that states "it is the policy of the state to provide paved shoulders on major state highways with the intent to develop an integrated bicycle route system"?  
Article was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.
- Article 19. Shall the Town of Warren urge the legislature to create town meeting day as a legal holiday in order to encourage and enable the broadest possible participation for people to participate?  
Burt Bauchner moved to amend to remove "participation" and replace with "opportunity". Amendment approved as was the article by a voice vote in the affirmative.
- Article 20. Shall the town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Warren Elementary School?  
Motion approved by a voice vote.
- Article 21. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting?  
Mac Rood was thanked for his many years of service.  
Motion to adjourn made and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.  
2:50 PM.

Warren Board of Selectmen 3/11/08

Mac Rood

Barry Simpson

  
Burton Bauchter

Kirsten Reilly

  
Erin Russell Story  
