

## Waitsfield

# Town moves Eagles water bond vote forward

By Lisa Loomis

The Waitsfield Select Board approved the necessary documentation to move forward with a vote on extending the town water main to allow Eagles Resort to connect to the system.

The select board, at its June 24 meeting, unanimously approved a necessity resolution bond warning and notice of intent to borrow \$200,000 from

USDA to extend the water main from where it ends at Fiddlers Green, under Route 100 and under the Mill Brook to the driveway of Eagles Resort. From there the water lines would run up the existing pump house and connect to the Eagles' existing public water supply.

That bond vote will come before voters by Australian ballot on Tuesday, July 30.

In February, the town's water commission learned that the wells serving the resort were failing and that Eagles Resort was bringing in water to meet the needs of their 16 two-bedroom units and one clubhouse. Eagles Resort uses an average of 3,400 gpm per unit annually.

At this week's meeting, Robin Morris of the water commission explained that hooking Eagles Resort up to the town's municipal water system will mean adding 17 ERU (an equivalent residential unit = an average three-bedroom home) to the system, or an 8 percent increase in the number of total ERUs.

More users on the system means that costs for all sys-

tem users will go down, he said, and the fees paid by Eagles Resort for their ERUs will cover at a minimum the cost of the loan and may cover more.

Morris said that additional users on the system mean that rates for existing system users could go down an estimated 2.5 to 5 percent. Currently, the quarterly rates per ERU for water system users are \$210.

As proposed, the town will borrow \$200,000 from the USDA for 40 years and will authorize that loan with the completion of a successful town bond vote.

Morris said that the water commission is proposing to use the larger eight-inch main versus a four-inch main to

bring the water under Route 100 and the Mill Brook so that a fire hydrant could be placed at the bottom of the driveway and at the top, bringing fire protection further south along Route 100 and providing additional fire protection for Eagles Resort.

The bond vote for the Eagles' water extension would be held on July 30, the same day the town is holding a bond vote for its new town offices.

Eagles Resort has already paid a deposit of \$8,500, representing 50 percent of the \$1,000 per ERU hook-up cost. The resort will pay the balance after the bond passes and the loan is finalized through the USDA.

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### TOWN OF WARREN PUBLIC NOTICE Warren Development Review Board

The Warren Development Review Board has scheduled a public hearing at 7:00 PM, Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Warren Municipal Building to consider the following application.

Application 2013-29-CU/ZP, The revision of a driveway location & review of dwelling location on an approve plat. The applicants Robert Adams & Meg Succop propose the construction of a Single Family Dwelling and Accessory Garage and relocation of a previously approved driveway. Revisions to the original septic design require revision to the driveway location. This application requires resubmission of a new site plan detailing the new driveway on a copy of the original survey. The property, 22.5 acres, is located on Fuller Road in Rural Residential and Meadowland Overlay Districts and is identified as Warren Parcel Id. # 023001-701.

Application 2013-38-CU/ZP Development within the Special Flood Hazard Area. The applicant, FRANCIS KINCAID PEROT (Kinney), propose the construction of a grass swale and berm. The project includes adding a few inches of fill to build up the residence driveway and constructing a small berm/swale (6" berm, 6" swale) to divert overflow from the river coming down Brook Road away from the residence. The small berm/swale will not result in any net increase in fill. Historically during flooding the bridge, uphill of the house has plugged resulting in water coming down the road at the house. The property, 22.5 acres, is located on 141 Brook Rd in Warren Village Mixed Use and Flood Hazard Overlay District (FHO) Districts and is identified as Warren Parcel Id. # 001000-800.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite site to the right to take any subsequent appeal. A project description, application materials, and site plans for this project are available for public review at the Planning and Zoning/Warren Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. If you have any questions regarding this application/hearing, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Zoning Office located in the Conference Room (old library) of the Warren Municipal Building at 42 Cemetery Road in Warren Village

## U.S. delegation at Mad River Valley Chamber meeting

By Rachel Goff

"Our biggest problem is whenever anyone has a great idea in the state of Vermont, they're incentivized to leave the state to find capital," Ted Brady said.

Brady, representing U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, answered questions from Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce members on Wednesday, June 26, about the challenges facing small businesses in Vermont. Brady was joined by Jeff Munger, representing U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, and Megan Sullivan, representing Peter Welch of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On the same morning that

the U.S. Supreme Court declared the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, representatives responded to questions about federal government programs regarding student loan rates and rural utility services.

According to Munger, Vermont students graduate and owe more money than students in any other state, forcing them to look outside of Vermont for jobs that will pay off their loans. And, while rural utilities service programs have helped companies such as Waitsfield Telecom create business-friendly climates in underdeveloped areas, small businesses simply cannot survive without workers.

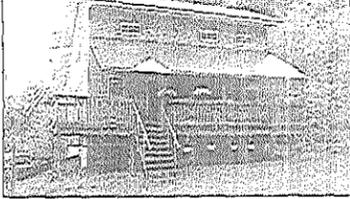
Wednesday's conversation also addressed the impact of recent natural disasters such as Tropical Storm Irene on small business owners who paid taxes on any grants they received to rebuild and whose flood insurance is likely to increase three to five times what they were paying before the storm.

While the conversation did not arrive at any clear answers, it did give representatives the chance to speak directly with the people their policies will affect, and gave them something to bring back to Senators Sander and Leahy and Congressman Welch as they fight for what's best for their state. In the end despite some undeniable setbacks, Vermont, "probably has more employee-owned businesses per capita than any other state," Munger said.

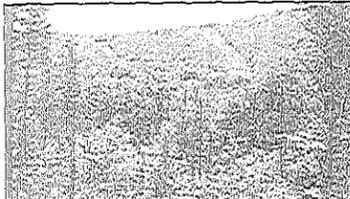
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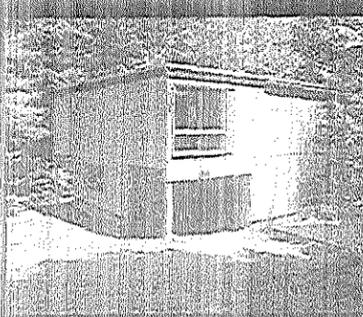
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