

TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2008

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Members Present: Jim Sanford, Mike Ketchel, Craig Klofach, John Goss, Lisa Miserendino, Dan Raddock and Don LaHaye.

Others Present: Barry Simpson, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

Agenda: Call meeting to order at 7:30 pm

1. Town Garage – Barry Simpson
2. Smart Growth Vermont
3. Review & sign minutes from meeting of November 24, 2008
4. Other business

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

The first agenda item was a presentation from Mr. Simpson, Director of the Warren Department of Public Works (DPW), regarding the town garage. He said that two recent pieces of information have given cause for discussion about the long and short term goals of the Town garage. The first piece of information was that the recent Brownfields evaluation came back with a report that the town garage site was "clean as a whistle". Mr. Simpson said that allows the town to consider other options for using that parcel such as residential use. The other piece of information was about a legal opinion from the Town's attorney, Mr. Stitzel, regarding deed restrictions on the Austin/Coates property, which is owned by the town and currently is the site of the town gravel pit. Mr. Simpson said that with these two pieces of information that the discussion of possibly relocating the town garage should be actively pursued. He continued to say that though nothing will happen overnight, that if a long term goal was agreed upon, it would make some short term decisions easier to make, i.e., which improvements to make at the current site, initiating an Act 250 permit for the Austin/Coates site, and a plan to gradually move the operations over time to the new location. It was also noted that there was certainly enough acreage to also accommodate a town forest with non-motorized recreational activities on the upper part of the parcel in addition to having the Town garage.

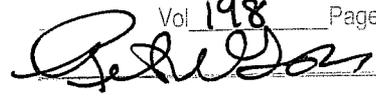
Mr. Simpson had hoped to be able to obtain some sort of support from the Planning Commission so that he could continue the conversation with adjacent land owners and the conservation Commission. Members of the PC felt it was very important to talk with some of the land owners before word got out and that that should be the very next step. They also expressed that they thought a joint PC/CC meeting to discuss the issue would be in order. AS such, a motion was made by Mr. Sanford that the PC support the preliminary conceptual idea of relocating the Town garage to the Austin/Coates parcel as outlined by DPW Director Mr. Simpson, and that Mr. Simpson should further explore the concept with abutting land owners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ketchel and was vote unanimously in favor by the Commission. The members then asked Mr. Simpson to join them at their January 26, 2009 meeting to report in as to his discussions with the land owners.

Mr. Malboeuf said that he had spoken with Ms. Mackay who asked if the PC had come to a decision regarding any changes to the Village and what language they might want drafted. The members felt they needed to have further discussion and due to the hour said they would try to come to some conclusion at the January 12, 2009 meeting.

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Both the minutes of November 10th and November 24th were reviewed and signed by the members with a motion to accept made by Mr. Ketchel, seconded by Mr. Klofach and unanimously voted affirmatively.

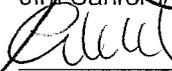
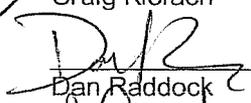
Under new business Mr. Sanford reported on his attendance at the review of the second year Norwich architectural student's project which was on the creation of a permanent structure for the Warren library. [The move to the Town Hall is temporary]. He said there was some interesting ideas and that he's try to get the PC more info. Mr. Sanford also mentioned that the Town of Shoreham was looking to finance the creation of a new library for their town with the creation and sale of a calendar featuring the Planning Commission members. On a more serious note, Mr. Simpson added that he thought there might be opportunities for fundraising through the application for grant money either through Homeland Security or Renewable Energy resources.

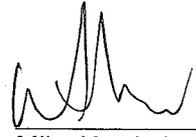
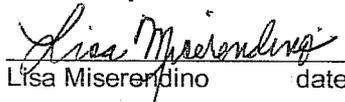
Mr. Ketchel adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for January 12, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

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