

TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 8, 2009

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

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

Agenda: Call meeting to order, 7:30 pm.

1. Warren Land Use & Development Regulations - ordinance updates recap(MK's Zoning to Do List)
2. Other business:
Review proposed cross-walk locations
Review & sign minutes from May 18th, 2009

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

Mr. Malboeuf started the meeting with presenting the Commission with the Select Board's plan to install cross walks in the village to aid in traffic calming for the benefit of the Safe Routes To School initiative. Mr. Ketchel questioned why the town would not consider the use of speed tables since many towns throughout Vermont have used them successfully. It was also noted that these "crosswalks" were not meant to be actual points for road crossings, but merely a means to alert motorists to the presence of pedestrians and to slow down. The Commission wanted to find out where the Select Board was in the process and hopefully be able to have Mr. Simpson, the Director of Public Works and the Safe Routes to School consultant come in to the PC to discuss the best locations for the crosswalks and also better understand why other options were not considered.

Mr. Ketchel brought to the Commission's attention, a reminder of the vote that had taken place at their January 26, 2009 meeting on the changing of the minimum lot size in the Warren Village Residential District from one acre to one-third of an acre. Though there has been continued discussion, mainly by a few residents in the village, about the minimum lot size in the village, Mr. Ketchel stressed that they as a Commission had to back the decisions they had made. Ms. Miserendino thought that with the added discussions of late that though she did not mean to undermine the work of the Commission that revisiting the issue might be in order. It was noted that the Planning Commission makes decisions based on what they feel is the right direction to take and that those recommendations will have a formal public hearing before then get passed on to the Select Board who then gets to conduct another review process.

The Commission then spent time going over a working "to-do" list for the review of the zoning regulations that they still need to go over. The focus is on Article 2 which contains the various zoning districts, their purpose statements, allowed and conditional uses and dimensional standards. It was suggested that two-person sub-committees be formed to be responsible for the details on certain topics: FEH: Dan and Don; Design Standards: Jim and Craig; Wastewater: Mike and John; Meadowland: Jim and John; Allowed/Conditional Uses in WVHRD & WVCD: Lisa and Dan; Dimensional Standards: Lisa and Craig.

The members then started on the list with discussion of the Airport Commercial District. After some conversation it was determined that any change or modification in the district regulations would first have to be addressed in the Town Plan. There was a feeling expressed that the emphasis on aviation type activities has diminished and that how the district might be utilized in the future should be discussed when the Town Plan is updated.

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Mr. Ketchel said that the members should come prepared to discuss the Access Road Commercial District at the next scheduled meeting on Monday June 22, 2009. He also said he would attempt to lay out a schedule of topics assigned to meeting dates so that they could cover everything hopefully by Thanksgiving time.

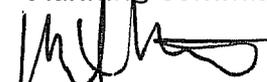
The Commission also discussed the draft of a RFP that solicits ideas for a location and design for a specifically dedicated town library building. Now that the Library has moved to their temporary home in the Town Hall, the Planning Commission wants to keep looking for a permanent home. Once the RFP is passed by the Friends of the Library, it will be sent out.

The next three meeting dates of the Planning Commission are scheduled for Monday June 22nd, Monday July 13th and Monday July 27th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

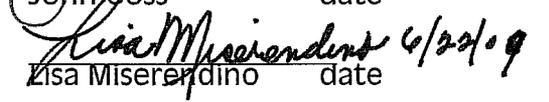
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