

TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 22, 2010

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

Others Present: Bob Stauss (MRV-TV), Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

- 1) Status of Town Plan update: Economic, Demographic, and Other Data.
- 2) 2010 Municipal Planning Grant Update, Suggested Projects for Grant Application.
- 3) Other business:

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Mr. Malboeuf brought the PC up to date with the status of the Town Plan re-adoption through the CVRPC. The Review Committee of the CVRPC has scheduled a meeting on April 1st and assuming that all goes well, the CVRPC will hopefully give their approval at their regular meeting the following week. Mr. Malboeuf also told the Commission that he and Mr. Klofach were working on a schedule to keep moving forward on incorporating the changes into the text of the Town Plan. Mr. Sanford added that at the last Steering Committee meeting a discussion took place about the timing of Town Plan updates and the US Census and the possibility of using other more local and potentially better sources of data. Comments were made that even with some local data that the Census was still the best source.

With the recent submission of the modified Town Plan to CVRPC, the Town will be eligible to apply for this round of MPG grant money. The MPG application needs to be in by April 30th.

The PC then briefly discussed the zoning changes that needed to be moved forward in the process. On the topic of the Flood Hazard Regulations and the addition of the Fluvial Erosion Area, it was suggested that having some professional view points shared in a public forum might be of benefit. One member suggested that Sharon Murray and Kari Dolan would be good people to speak with. Mr. Klofach shared with the Commission his visit to the recent DRB meeting where he got to see first hand how wildlife habitat was dealt with. He said that the applicant in this case had a very well versed wildlife biologist who might be a good resource for the PC in the future. Mr. Raddock said that when they got to discussing in detail the proposed changes regarding wildlife habitat that hosting a "debate" of sorts with the countervailing opinions of wildlife conservation and landowner's property rights might be helpful.

Mr. Malboeuf then asked the PC what they thought they'd like to use the 2010 Municipal Planning Grant for. He estimated that if approved they might get awarded somewhere in the vicinity of \$2500 to \$5000 and that whatever they wanted to do should fit into this price range. One suggestion was for a survey, another was for public education on a single topic or group of topics to help inform the townspeople about some of the changes the PC is considering. The members were leaning towards the latter and Mr. Klofach and Mr. Raddock offered to draft a proposal for the MPG application.

In other business it was reported that the replacement of the Kingsbury bridge was still slated for 2012 but had recently been moved up higher on the list as to priority. The new Select Board representative to the Steering Committee is Kirsten Reilly. One of the topics that came up at the Steering Committee is that of law enforcement, it's presence and priorities. The PC's proposed changes to the Land Use Regulations regarding Telecommunications will be in front of the Select

