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TOWN OF WARREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY JUNE 14, 2010

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

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

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

1. Barry Simpson – discussion of Solar Panels on Town of Warren Sites
2. Town Plan Update:
  - a. Chapters 1-5, PC comments.
  - b. Remaining submittals from PC members & Staff
  - c. Complete discussion of revisions for Chapters 6 – 10
3. Other business:
  - a. Approve minutes from 05/24/10

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Mr. Simpson, the Warren Director of Public Works, had asked to meet with the Planning Commission about the possibility of installing solar panels on some Town owned property. Part of the motivation Mr. Simpson explained, is that there are currently installation incentives for commercial and municipal users. The one company he had met with, All Earth Renewables, looked at three sites with Mr. Simpson: the northern part of Brooks Field, the old dump site off of Dump Road and the Town pit/fire pond site next to Vaughn Brown Road.

Mr. Simpson noted for the PC that the Town, including the elementary school, consumes about 77,000 kilowatt hours per year and that each tracker produces 5,000- 6,000 kw/yr meaning that the Town would need 15 to 16 collectors. Mr. Simpson also told the PC that in looking at roof type collectors, that he had a concern about whether or not the school's roof would be strong enough, and the possible additional maintenance needed to remove snow in the winter.

The Commission and Mr. Simpson went over some of the pros and cons of the different sites as well as the type of system. The economics of such a project was also briefly discussed and the question of conserving energy versus making a social statement was raised. Mr. Simpson said that he had to speak with the Conservation Commission and then was hoping to find volunteers to form an "Energy Committee" comprised of individuals who may have some knowledge of the industry and could help put together a business model analysis.

Mr. Klofach went over some of the last items needed for the Town Plan update. It was noted that both Chapters 7 and 8 still needed some fine tuning. Mr. Klofach also suggested that at the next meeting the members discuss some of the proposed changes to Chapter 10 and Chapter 3. Mr. Raddock and the other members discussed his draft of the Special Flood Hazard regulation changes and with a motion from Mr. LaHaye that was seconded by Mr. Klofach the PC accept the revisions which will now be published and warned for a public hearing. Mr. Malboeuf briefly discussed the mapping of the Sugarbush Growth Area and the Sugarbush Growth Study Area. Mr. LaHaye gave a report from CVRPC saying that the legislative changes would put the regional PC's under the same umbrella as economic development. They are also proposing to reduce the RPC's from 13 to 11.

Mr. Ketchel adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm The next scheduled meeting of the PC is for Monday June 28, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Planning Commission

*Dan Raddock* date  
*Craig Kiofach* date  
*Lisa Miserendino* 6/28/10 date  
*John Goss* 6/28/10 date

*Mike Ketchel* 6/28/10 date  
*Don LaHaye* 6/28/10 date  
*Jim Sanford* 6/28/10 date

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