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TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY JULY 26, 2010

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

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf

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

1) Town Plan Review Chapter 10, Land Use

2) Other business

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:35.

The Planning commission members spent the meeting discussing possible updates and modifications to Chapter 10 of the Town Plan which is titled "Land Use". Suggestions for change had been submitted by resident Susan Hemmeter and those suggestions along with ones put forth by PC members were discussed. Interspersed in the discussion was the topic of alternative energy, how it has historically been supported and encouraged in the Town Plan. With the installation of solar panels on Route 100 and proposals for wind towers on the Northfield Ridge, members discussed how to support alternative energy in the Town Plan while at the same time set a standard that the Public Service Board would consider in their review process that would respect the ridgeline and open spaces that the townspeople value. The topic of "critical wildlife" was also discussed and how to better define wildlife features that should be conserved and thus would be clearly stated in our regulations. Concern was expressed about putting an undue burden on land owners if they had to do extensive studies on the wildlife features on their property. At the end of the review of Chapter 10 it was suggested that a draft of the changes be put together for one final pass.

In other business Mr. LaHaye noted that there was nothing to report from regional; Mr. Malboeuf mentioned the status of the four-unit property on West Hill Road as potential affordable housing; and Mr. Ketchel said that a call had gone out for volunteers for a town energy committee – the PC was not required to designate a member but that if anyone was interested a member from the PC would be a good thing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm. The next meeting of the Warren Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday August 9th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

Dan Raddock date

8/9/2010
Craig Klofach date

8.9.10
Jim Sanford date

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Mike Ketchel date

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Don LaHaye date

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