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TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 24, 2011

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

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

1. Open Items on revisions to Land Use & Development Regulations
2. Review PC recommendations for the future of the Ruby Blair House
3. Discuss present status and future plans for the Town Garage
4. Review questions for Town Meeting day survey
5. Review & sign minutes from January 10th, 2010
6. Other business: Schedule joint meeting with Select Board

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

The members first took a look at the draft of the Planning Commission's 2010 Annual Report. They were encouraged to offer changes and or corrections and it was decided the draft would be email out to them so they could in turn offer their suggestions.

The PC next discussed the Ruby Blair House as the Select Board had requested, via a conversation with Mr. Malboeuf, what the recommendation(s) were from the PC as to its future. A brief discussion ensued about how to save the "essence" of the building" and of tearing the building down but salvaging certain elements. The members agreed though, that the recommendations for the Blair House they made as a result of their Charrette in 2006 and adopted into the Town Plan in 2007, were still valid. As such, a motion was made by Mr. LaHaye that the PC's recommendation be that which is stated in Appendix E – Master Plan for Municipal Facilities, A (5), as well as an evaluation by a professional as to any parts of the structure worth being salvaged. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ketchel and voted unanimously in the affirmative by all members present.

The Commission briefly discussed the topic of the Town Garage and a possible future location for its operation. There was a general consensus that the town owned parcel where the gravel pit is located also referred to as the Austin Coates parcel was the most ideal place to relocate the Town Garage. Unfortunately there are some legal issues that appear to prohibit that kind of activity on the parcel. The PC decided to table further discussion until they had a chance to review the documents related to the parcel.

Mr. Ketchel brought up the status of the PC members as to when their respective terms expired. Both Mr. Ketchel and Mr. Klofach will be up for re-appointment by the Select Board this year and the Commission also has a vacancy with the resignation of Mr. Goss. The members also at this point in the meeting reviewed and signed the minutes from the January 10th meeting.

The Commission discussed the issue of wind energy as it might come up in their review of revisions to the Warren Land Use and Development Regulations [WLUDR]. Though the Town Plan generally promotes the use of alternative energy sources, more specific attention may need

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to be given as the proposed use of wind energy has become a much debated subject. The members agreed that they really didn't know how the majority of Warren's residents felt about the use of wind energy. To that end, the PC discussed hosting an educational forum on the pros and cons of wind energy in hopes that it would give the residents information to be able to make an informed decision as to how they felt about it. They also briefly discussed what kind of budget they would need to host such an event.

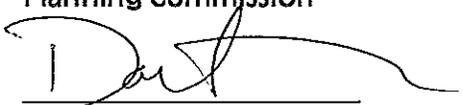
Staff had prepared a "draft" list of open items for addition/revision in the WLUDR. The Commission reviewed this list as well as added some other items as well. Mr. Ketchel then asked for each member to come to the next meeting with their own priority list of these items. They also briefly discussed how they wanted to do a survey to be made available at Town Meeting Day. Again, the Chairman asked each member to submit three questions for consideration for the survey for the next meeting. The PC decided to wait until after Town Meeting Day to request a joint meeting with the Select Board. Reports were given from the Steering Committee and CVRPC representatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is Monday February 14th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

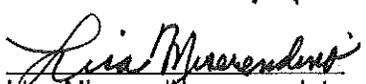
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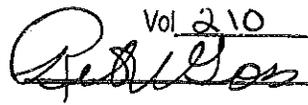
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