

TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2011

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

Others Present: Sue Carter, Rudy Elliott, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

- 1) Town Garage
- 2) Proposed questions for Town Meeting Survey
- 3) Wind Energy Form – What Voters would favor
Budget for 500 Mailers
- 4) WLU&DR updates
- 5) Review & sign minutes from January 24th, 2011
- 6) Other business

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

The first item the PC took up for discussion was the desired relocation of the Town Garage. Due to aging structures and compliance issues and the identification of the current site's potential for housing, the Commission has been looking into relocating the Town Garage to a different site. While acknowledging the legal complexities, the Commission still believes the best site for a new garage is the town-owned Austin-Coates property, and will consider encouraging the Select Board to reopen discussions to seek a solution with abutting property owners. As an alternative, the Commission suggests the Bobbin Mill site and will consider recommending that the Selectboard open discussions with the owner of the site. The Commission believes that the present site is not desirable from a planning perspective but recognizes that financial considerations may make it difficult to effect a change at present. Mr. Elliott, who was in the audience, stressed that the PC needed to find a solution and get it done, that enough time had gone by without doing anything. He also raised concerns about the level of the water table at the Bobbin Mill site. Sue Carter mentioned noise concerns with the Austin-Coates property, and the Commission will consider recommending that some testing be conducted to determine relative noise impacts on the Village from the present site as compared to the Austin-Coates property.

The members next reviewed the suggestions each had made for potential questions for a survey to be distributed at Town Meeting Day. They discussed whether the questions were "leading" in a positive or negative way and whether or not the survey should have a single issue theme or a variety of questions. The decision was to reword some of the questions so they were more "neutral" and to have a variety of issues represented in the questions.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the members did not get to going over their list of priorities for the Warren Land use and Development Regulations. Mr. Ketchel asked each member to email their top five items to staff before the next meeting. In other business Mr. Sanford said he had begun to look into options of people/businesses that would evaluate what might be worth salvaging from the Blair House. He said he's have more information at the next meeting. The Commission was also reminded of the Public Hearing being held by the Select Board on the re-adoption of the updated Town Plan for Tuesday February 22nd. Both Mr. Klofach and Mr. Ketchel indicated they would be attending that meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is Monday February 28th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

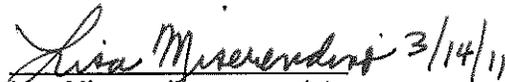
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Dan Raddock date

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Craig Klofach date

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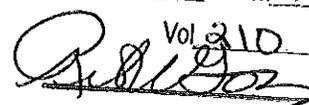
Lisa Miserendino date

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Mike Ketchel date

Jim Sanford date

Don LaHaye date

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