

TOWN OF WARREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

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

Others Present: Joshua Schwartz, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

- 1) MRVPD 2012 Municipal Planning Grant: consortium grant application to the VT Dept. of Economic, Housing & Community Development (DEHCD) for \$15k grant request will underwrite consultant services to develop a baseline measure for the MRV's economic activity and framework for future planning related decision making. (Deadline postponed October 31st, 2011)
- 2) Update on Select Board meeting September 13th, 2011, Craig Klofach
  - a) Riverside Park...aka fluvial erosion.
  - b) Flat Iron Road - update as to what occurred.
- 3) Fluvial Erosion Hazard District, PC Draft Regulations.
- 4) Review & sign minutes from September 12th, 2011
- 5) Other business:

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

The minutes of 9/12/11 were reviewed and signed.

Joshua Schwartz, the Director of the MRVPD came at the request of the Commission to speak about the consortium grant he is proposing. He explained that as part of the MOU an Annual Data Report is required that gives a statistical look at the "health" of the Mad River Valley. One area of the information contained in that report could use some more detailed information on the economic activity in the valley. As Mr. Schwartz explained, the focus of the grant request is to develop a baseline analysis that will identify data sources, a set of indicators and create a replicable methodology. The purpose of this is to serve as a way to measure our economic activity to then base decisions on in going forward.

Though the MRVPD includes the three towns of Warren, Waitsfield and Fayston [ as well as Sugarbush Resort and the MRV Chamber], this grant is being submitted in the names of Warren and Fayston only as Waitsfield is currently without an approved Town Plan. There was concern expressed by a couple of the Commission members that with most of the commercial activity taking place in Waitsfield, [exclusive of Sugarbush] would the town be getting appropriate representation to justify giving up applying for their own, individual grant. As Mr. Schwartz pointed out, all three towns have different elements that the other towns rely on and that everyone will benefit from the results. He stressed that having prescribed methodology will provide consistency going forward and allow the towns in the valley a way to gauge where we've been, where we might want to go with year to analysis,

A MOTION was offered by Mr. Sanford and SECONDED by Mr. Graves that the PC approves the participation in the MRVPD's grant application. All members present voted in the affirmative and the motion passed. The PC members thanked Mr. Schwartz for spending the time with them and they encouraged him to keep them informed as much as possible during the process.

Mr. Klofach gave an update from his attendance at the previous Select Board meeting on three

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topics of interest: Riverside Park, Flat Iron Road and the Eaton Parcel. He related that the SB spent quite a lot of time discussing Riverside Park. The item of contention was whether the park should be restored to how it was prior to Irene or it should be left as it is. Members of the conservation Commission felt strongly that it should be left as is. Others expressed going back to how it was. In conclusion the SB decided they needed to at least address the erosion and condition of the park so as to not have any liability issues with those who would utilize the park. The Conservation Commission agreed that liability issues should be addressed and both parties will re-visit the issue in the spring. In a previous SB meeting it had been discussed about possibly making Flat Iron Road a one-way road. At this meeting Mr. Klofach reported that the decision was to re-armor the bank and keep it a two-lane road. The last item Mr. Klofach reported on was the Conservation Commission's request to the SB about obtaining a Conservation Easement for part of the Eaton Parcel. After a brief discussion there was no strong feeling one way or another from the PC members.

Mr. LaHaye reported that the CVRPC was relocating their offices to Barre. Mr. Sanford reported that the Steering Committee spent most of their last meeting focused on the status of the valley towns in regards to post Irene. Mr. Ketchel proposed that at the next PC meeting that in addition to the Public Hearing on the proposed zoning changes that if time allowed they try to get through a draft of FEH standards.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

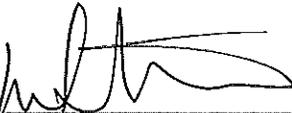
NOTE: Due to the next regularly scheduled meeting landing on Columbus Day, the PC will instead meet on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 7:30 in the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully Submitted,

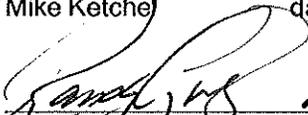
Ruth V. Robbins  
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