TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2013

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

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins

Agenda: Call meeting to order, 7:30 pm

1. Commission initiatives and objectives for 2013.
2. Review Town Plan Appendix E.1 - Master Plan for Municipal Buildings
3. Review & sign minutes from January 14th, 2012
4. Other & New business:

Mr. Klofach called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

The first item of business was a discussion of what items the PC wanted to tackle in 2013. Mr. Klofach recited his list of items that he thought needed to be addressed which included language in the land use regulations for forest fragmentation, relocation of the Town Garage, the water system at the Blair house and potential removal of the Blair house, and a review of the Master Plan for Municipal buildings , Appendix E, for any possible modifications. Mr. Ketchel added to that list with items including wind energy, review of the Airport district uses, getting a tree inventory done in Warren Village, discuss raising the minimum lot size in the Rural Residential District, traffic calming over Roxbury Mountain and in Warren village and recreation paths. Mr. Sanford felt that the Town Garage relocation and moving forward with the Master Plan for the Municipal Buildings should be at the top of the list. The members also discussed whether or not they should consider doing a survey for Town Meeting Day. Though it has been awhile since they have done one, the return has been of such a small percentage that they were unsure as to whether or not it was worth doing.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ketchel for the PC to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a potential PC member to recommend to the Select Board. Both Mr. Malboeuf and Ms. Robbins were invited to attend. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford and the PC voted all in favor of the motion. The PC came out of Executive Session approximately 6 minutes later.

The next item on the agenda was a review of Appendix E of the Warren Town Plan which contains the Master Plan for Municipal Buildings. The members wanted to re-familiarize themselves with this plan as the Select Board has been discussing the future of the Blair House. The Blair House currently has two units rented for living space and the Director of Public Works utilizes some space for an office. The building is in need of some repair and the question is whether or not the funds should be invested or the building be taken down. The plan in Appendix E calls for the removal of the Blair House which the PC still agrees with and recommends.

The minutes of the previous meeting on January 14th were reviewed and signed. In other business the members reviewed the letter that the Conservation Commission has sent to the Select Board stating that at this time they were not going to continue their request that the Eaton Parcel be conserved and managed by the Vermont Land Trust. One PC member said that he felt that the acrimony surrounding this issue between the CC and the PC was unfortunate and disturbing. Mr. LaHaye reported that there was a new bill introduced in the state house that the

PC [and others] should be aware of. It is House bill **H 9** which in essence takes the authority out of the town's hands in regulating their own land use as any regulation at the town level would have to be in compliance with the state land use regulation. The bill is currently in committee.

Mr. Klofach adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

Dan Raddock date

Craig Klofach 2/25/13 date

Don LaHaye 2/25/13 date

Lisa Miserendino date

Mike Ketchel date

Randy Graves 02/05/13 date

Jim Sanford 2/26/13 date

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