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TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March ~~MONDAY~~ 25, 2013

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

Others Present: Megan Moffroid, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

Agenda: Call meeting to order, 7:30 pm

1. Private Tree Planting Group – Meg Moffroid.

2. Traffic Calming measures for Roxbury Mtn Rd and Brook Rd

3. Review & sign minutes from March 11th, 2012

4. Other & New business:

Mr. Klofach called the meeting to order t 7:35 pm.

The first item on the agenda was a visit from Megan Moffroid, the Warren Tree Warden, who came before the Commission to present a tree planting project that had been put together by a group of village residents. The group has been privately fundraising and has gathered over 100 signatures of support for the project. Many homeowners in the village have been approached and some have agreed to have trees added in front of their homes and some have not. Ms. Moffroid went over the plan which she noted was flexible and at this point was just a guide. Ms. Moffroid also stated that she thought this project could be a good "private-public partnership" and was the first pro-active project she had been involved with since becoming the Town's Tree Warden.

She asked the Planning Commission for their support of the project and told them that she was also going to be presenting the project to the Select Board the following night. In answering questions asked by the PC Ms. Moffroid told them that the group had raised approximately $8500 which would equate to the purchase and installation of about 17 trees. She told them that the species of trees being considered were Red Maple, Honey Locust, Red Oak, Princeton Elm and Crab Apple trees. One member asked if Sugar Maples would also be appropriate to be included and she said they could be. The PC also asked who would be responsible to handle any problems that might arise and Ms. Moffroid said that either the Director of Public Works, Mr. Simpson or she would be the ones to call. The suggestions of a Management Plan as well as the formation of a Tree Board were also discussed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Ketchel and SECONDED by Mr. Sanford that the Planning Commission would recommend the project to the Select Board with the suggestion that a Management Plan and creation of a Tree Board be part of the project. The VOTE was unanimously in favor of the motion.

The next item that the PC members discussed was traffic over Roxbury Mountain and Brook Road leading into the village. Mr. LaHaye had the CVRPC put a counter on Roxbury mountain. However, in looking at the data Mr. Malboeuf had printed out, the most recent comparison was from 1997. Additionally, the location of the counter was not ideal, and what was also needed is a count on cars coming up Rte 100 versus over the gap. Even though the report showed a significant increase in traffic, more specific and detailed info needs to be gathered. Ideally, having

a counter on Roxbury Mtn Road above the intersection with Senor Road, Route 100 northbound but below the southern entrance to the village and on the lower section of Brook Road would be the best locations. It was discussed that once the PC had better numbers there was a way to request of the GPS direction providers [Garmin, TomTom, Magellan] to re-route travelers so that maybe the traffic over the gap and down through the village might be lessened. Mr. LaHaye said he would go back to the CVRPC and request another try at getting the info we need.

The members reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting. In other business Mr. LaHaye gave a report on the CVRPC Joint committee on Consolidation telling his fellow PC members that the final report had been issued. He also said that a couple of vacancies of representatives to the CVRPC had been filled.

Mr. Klofach adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

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