TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2013

Members Present: Mike Ketchel, Randy Graves, Craig Klofach, Mike Bridgewater and Dan Raddock.

Others Present: Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom, Carolynn Schipa, Gregory Schipa, Callie Willis, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

1. Opportunity For Public Comment 7:30 - 7:45
2. FEH – Administrative Approval Select Board November 12th, 2013
3. Warren Town Plan - Draft language for Wind Energy
4. CVRPC is starting a Green Infrastructure Municipal Outreach RPC staff will review the Municipal Plans, Zoning Bylaws, and Subdivision Regulations for their selected communities.
5. V-DAT (Vermont Downtown Action Team) Summary Meetings October 15th - October 18th
6. Review & sign minutes from October 14, 2013
7. Other & New business:

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

Opening the meeting with comments from the public, Mr. Brattstrom shared his thoughts about the recent V-DAT meetings and workshops. He mentioned that the ideas that came out of the meetings were good ones though the lack of grant money available will make it difficult for many of the ideas to come to fruition. He also observed that it seemed like only a couple of people in the village were engaged in the work and that though the outreach in general was good there were others in the business part of Warren village that could have been involved. Mr. Brattstrom also felt that the entrances to the village could be more attractive and that having the power lines placed underground should be a priority.

The PC then briefly touched on the proposed FEH Overlay District proposal that is with the Select Board. Mr. Klofach encouraged the members to attend the Select Board meeting on November 12th where it hopefully will be approved.

The Commission then continued on with their ongoing discussion about expanding the statement about wind energy in the Town Plan. One member brought up the topic of siting, for example, in the meadowland overlay district, and would the PSB consider any standards they included. It was discussed that the State had standards for siting and though they most likely would not necessarily adhere to anything the Town put down. However having standards for siting of wind towers for those who may want to install a wind tower and not hook up with the grid is something that would be worthwhile. Mr. Raddock said he would be willing to take a stab at drafting some "non-grid" standards for discussion. Mr. Malboeuf asked the PC if this wouldn't be a good time to ask the Energy Conservation Committee to get their thoughts and suggestions together for the Commission. Those in attendance from the committee said they would work on putting their input down on paper.

The next item on the agenda was a brief discussion about an initiative of the Central Vermont Regional Planning commission [CVRPC] regarding a more "green" approach to how storm water infrastructures are utilized. The PC members voted unanimously to a motion by Mr. Ketchel and seconded by Mr. Graves to encourage the CVRPC to move forward with this effort.

Mr. Klofach did a brief recap of the V-DAT meetings he attended and noted that the process isn't quite through yet as only the initial work was done and that there will be more sessions held in December and January.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed. In other business the meeting schedule was discussed and it was agreed that they would not meet on the Monday of Thanksgiving week and that for the month of December they would meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays [instead of the 2nd and 4th] to help keep from running too close to the Christmas holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

Dan Raddock date 11/11/13

Mike Ketchel date 11/11/13

Craig Klofach date 11/11/13

Randy Graves date 11/11/13

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