

TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 2, 2013

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

Others Present: Kim McKee, Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

- 1) Opportunity For Public Comment 7:30 - 7:45
- 2) Proposed 2014 Planning & Zoning Budget
- 3) Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director
Mad River Valley Planning District
 - a) Data Reports
 - b) Warren Village Vermont Downtown Assistance Team (V-DAT) project
 - c) Neighborhood Development Areas
- 4) Review & sign minutes from December 2nd, 2013
- 5) New Business/Old Business

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Mr. Klofach called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

There was no public comment.

Ms. McKee from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) was here to discuss "Green Infrastructure Practices as they apply to stormwater. It is part of the CVRPC's outreach program which in this case selected towns through a GIS analysis as to whether or not there might be opportunities to promote the use of greener practices. Ms. McKee explained to the Commission what the timeline and process was and told them that though she had done a cursory review of the Land Use and Development Regulations that the next step was to go further into the regulations as well as the Town Plan. The PC told her they would be very interested in any recommendations that might strengthen the regulations in promoting green alternative practices. Ms. McKee said she would get back to them with her progress after the first of the year.

The PC then touched on the fact that they would have to renew or reaffirm the Village Center designation in 2014. They posed some questions to Ms. McKee regarding the process who said she'd see what she could find out.

The Commission then had a discussion about the first run at some possible language regarding standards for off-the-grid wind towers that Mr. Raddock had drafted. Many of the members thought it had some good specificity but would need some fine tuning. One item that has been difficult to pin down is that of a maximum height as depending on location a certain height would be necessary for optimal wind generation. One person noted that we have to try to think about what wind towers are designed to do and less about trying to "hide" them unlike cell towers that though they need a minimal height to be effective can be somewhat disguised to blend in to their surroundings. The members were asked to go over the language and put together their suggestions for edits/changes/additions.

