

**Town of Warren  
Planning Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday August 25, 2014**

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Members Present: Craig Klofach, Mike Bridgewater, Jim Sanford, Randy Graves and Mike Ketchel.

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

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

1. Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 - 7:45
2. Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, MRVPD
  - a. FY13 Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) Economic Baseline study for Warren,
  - b. Progress of Warren V-DAT Program
3. Initial Town Plan Language for energy chapter.
4. Review & sign minutes August 11th, 2014
5. Other & New business:

Mr. Klofach called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Schwartz, the Executive Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District [MRVPD], had come to the PC meeting to share the final report of the economic baseline study that was done with a MPG shared between Warren and Fayston for the benefit of the Mad River Valley as a whole. The study created statistics of the historical and current economic conditions that in turn can aid in setting policy and decision making going forward. All the particulars, details, can be found on the MRVPD's website: [www.mrvpd.org](http://www.mrvpd.org). Mr. Schwartz also told the Commission members that the study now gives them a "spring board" going forward and that they are looking to put together sector meetings that will use the information and identify what is working and how to change what isn't working.

The next item Mr. Schwartz spoke about was bringing the PC up-to-date regarding the V-DAT program. Though a conceptual design is in place for improvements to Warren Village, the plan needs to be fine-tuned, specifications flushed out and a monetary value established in order to complete the community Development Block Grant so as to secure funding for the project. He expects to have a Public Hearing on this sometime in September.

Though not on the agenda, Mr. Schwartz also brought up three other initiatives taking place. The first was the Flood Resilience checklist which is being funded by an EPA technical assistance grant to help assess and encourage improvements to local policies that come into play when reacting to a major event such as TS Irene. The next one was a Mad River Valley Transportation Plan that focuses on recreation trails – from bicycles to snowmobiles and other forms in-between. Again there is some grant monies available that could aid in getting a "recreation blueprint" of the trails in the Mad River Valley.

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Lastly, in conjunction with our Village Center Designation is the Neighborhood Development Designation which will be on our plate this winter. Mr. Schwartz has offered to help us with the application for this.

The PC members briefly looked at the draft Mr. Klofach gave them for the changes and modifications to the energy chapter of the Town Plan. He asked them to read through it and get him some feedback. They asked to have an electronic copy which would make it easier for them to make changes/suggestions to the text.

The members reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

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