

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday April 14, 2014**

Members Present: Craig Klofach, Mike Ketchel, Mike Bridgewater and Jim Sanford.
Others Present: Tom Wilson, Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom, Callie Willis, Susan Hemmeter, Camilla Behn, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.
Agenda: Call the meeting to order, 7:30 pm

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 - 7:45.**
2. **Energy Committee**
3. **Review of proposed off-grid wind ordinance.**
4. Review report on Green Infrastructure/Low-Impact Development plan & ordinance assessment from Kim McKee, CFM | Regional Planner
5. **Review & sign minutes from March 24th, 2014**
6. **Other & New business:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Tom Wilson introduced himself as a resident of Wisconsin who has spent a lot of time here and hopes to transfer his residency to Warren. He has spent some time with the Energy Committee sharing his background which includes extensive energy efficiency work going back to the early 1970's. He has also worked with Efficiency Vermont and had projects involving work with municipalities and their long range energy plans. The PC welcomed him and looked forward to his comments.

The PC began a discussion with the Warren Energy Committee about their first draft of a re-write of Chapter 5 of the Warren Town Plan, *Energy for the People*. Mr. Brattstrom gave an overview that informed the PC that the Energy Committee created all new language instead of attempting of using the approach of "add/delete" from the existing text. Included in their information was historical and current information gathered by way of interviews, with Green Mountain Power, the Mad River Valley Planning Commission and Mr. Win Smith of Sugarbush Resort. He told the PC that they used the State of Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan as a guide in preparing the draft.

Mr. Sanford applauded the Energy Committee for their interest, time, passion and efforts in taking on this project. He continued to say that he had read the entire draft and had some suggestions. Mr. Sanford said that he thought there did not need to be quite as much specificity, that there was a lot of detail that could be eliminated. He also brought up that he felt there was a bit of a "diss" towards the use of wood for heat and that there are those who manage their land in such a way as to be able to utilize wood for heat that can be efficient. He felt the overall tone of the draft was not as positive as it could be and that it would be helpful to know how Warren currently stood in relationship to the State's goals. Mr. Sanford also noted that he felt the visuals were very good and that such quantitative information should be front and center on page one.

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Mr. Ketchel agreed with Mr. Sanford's comments and especially with the issue of specificity pointing out that the paragraph about energy efficient light bulbs could be shortened into a bulleted list. Another comment offered said that there could be more emphasis on what already exists, not just what needs to be done. Mr. Ketchel added that he wanted to make sure that the Madbush [GMP] statistics got updated. The Energy Committee responded to all the suggestions saying that it was all constructive and that they would go back and start working on "draft #2".

The item on the agenda regarding proposed off-grid wind ordinance was put on hold for a later date. The next item, Green Infrastructure and Low-Impact Development, an initiative from CVRPC, was briefly discussed as to what the next step was. It was determined that the report from CVRPC needed to be gone through and an action plan devised as to which items the PC wanted to incorporate into either the Town Plan of the Land Use and Development Regulations. Mr. Ketchel volunteered to draft an action plan for the next meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and signed. The PC briefly discussed a letter sent to the Select Board from Mr. Schipa regarding the Planning Commission and their discussions about wind energy. In other business the PC members spent some time speaking with Ms. Behn about her impressions of the PC meeting, questions she may have about the PC and how they might see her fitting into the vacancy on the Commission.

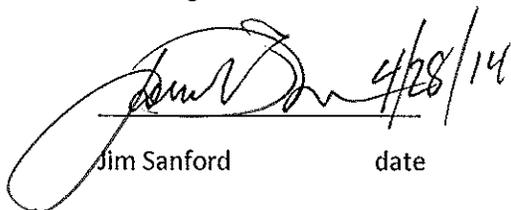
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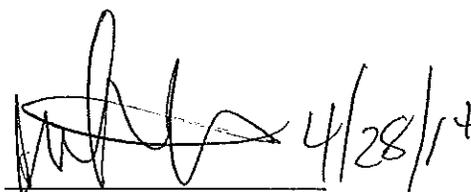
Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

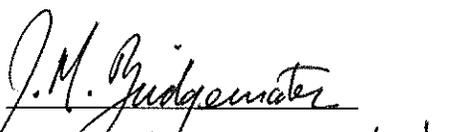
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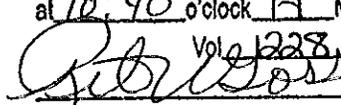

Jim Sanford date 4/28/14


Mike Ketchel date 4/28/14


Craig Klofach date 4/28/14

Randy Graves date


Mike Bridgewater date 4/28/14

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