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Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday July 28, 2014

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

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

1. Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 - 7:45
2. Draft language for Town of Warren plan & ordinances relative to Green Infrastructure/Low-Impact Development
3. Riverside Park/recreation and floodplain area.
4. Review & sign minutes July 14th, 2014
5. Other & New business:

Mr. Klofach called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

There was no one attending other than PC members and staff so there was no public comment.

The first item up for discussion was proposed language to satisfy some of the deficiencies found in a review done by CVRPC of how infrastructure is handled in the Town Plan and the Land Use regulations. Mr. Ketchel started with a proposed addition to Chapter 3, Sense of Place, within the section under Rivers and Streams and just before Groundwater that talks about Stormwater runoff. Accompanying that is a new objective, 3.2 d that encourages the use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure, systems and practices. The review by CVRPC also recommended a Tree Ordinance which though Warren has a Tree Warden, it does not have a Tree Ordinance. The members were given a copy of the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program's "Guide to Tree Ordinances for Vermont Municipalities" which they will read and discuss at the next meeting. In continuing with their review of possible changes, a couple of members cautioned the commission to be careful of creating cumbersome and unnecessary regulations. That even with the recommendations coming from regional planning not all may be appropriate for Warren. After going through the rest of the items and getting a sense of what the PC wanted to do, Mr. Ketchel said he'd take a stab at drafting some language for them to look at.

A brief discussion took place regarding Riverside Park which was badly damaged by TS Irene in 2011. Though some "repairs" were made, the park has yet to be restored to a "park-like" area. Townspeople as well as visitors have expressed their disappointment with the current condition of the park. The Select Board has scheduled a site visit on Tuesday July 29th at 6pm and though the PC has not been formally asked to make comment, the members decided that since the majority of the parcel is included in both the Flood Hazard Area and the Fluvial Erosion Hazard Districts that any considered improvements should be approached with caution knowing the possibility of future flooding. They also discussed that maybe the name of the road in should be changed as the word "park" led people to have certain expectations. A couple of the PC members mentioned they would try to attend the site visit.

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The members reviewed and signed the minutes from the previous meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

Jim Sanford date

Craig Klofach 8/6/14

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Mike Bridgewater 8/11/14
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Camilla Behn 8/11/14

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Mike Ketchel 8/11/14

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Randy Graves date

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