

**Town of Warren  
Planning Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday June 8, 2015**

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Members Present: Camilla Behn, Mike Bridgewater, Randy Graves, Jim Sanford, Mike Ketchel and Dan Raddock.

Others Present: Dotty Kyle, Eric Brattstrom, Joshua Schwartz, Bob Ackland, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

1. Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 - 7:45
2. Town Plan Chapter 5 – Final Review of Draft
3. Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, Mad River Valley Planning District, [mrvpd@madriver.com](mailto:mrvpd@madriver.com)]
4. Review of Town Green - 2015 Charrette held May 30th, 2015.
5. False alarm and fire ordinance sub-committee report.
6. Review & sign minutes May 11th, 2015 (draft)
7. Other & New business:

UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING DATES:

June 22nd - William E. Flender, Executive Director, MRPA

August 10th

August 24th – Conservation Commission

September 14th

September 28<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

There was no public comment so the Commission went on to review the hard copy draft of chapter 5 and Appendix C of the Town Plan. At the previous meeting they had voted to include four additional definitions in Appendix C. It was brought to the attention of the PC members that a couple of other terms that were used in the text of the chapter should also be included in the appendix. After some brief discussion the members agreed to come up with the definitions for inclusion for the next meeting.

The PC then turned their attention to a presentation by Mr. Schwartz the Executive Director of the mad River Planning District [MRVPD]. Mr. Schwartz had three topics to update the PC with the first one being the next step in using the economic data completed last year. He told the PC that the study still needed some work to be useful and that they have partnered with the chamber and identified ten sectors that will be part of ten workshops to help increase the knowledge and collection of quantitative measures for those sectors. The workshops will be on Tuesday's starting July 14<sup>th</sup> and details can be found at <http://www.mrvpd.org/Vitality.php>.

The next item Mr. Schwartz wanted to update the PC on was the Warren village Streetscape project which was produced out of the Vermont Downtown Action Team also known as V-DAT. Though design work was developed and submitted for the purposes of obtaining some finding, Mr. Schwartz assured the PC that the design was not set in stone and that the PC would have the opportunity to give their input. He also pointed out that the project is limited to the Town of Warren right-of-way from the intersection of Brook Rd and Main St to the bridge south of the Pitcher Inn/Warren Store. The last item Mr. Schwartz touched on was the Mad River Active Transportation Plan which is working on priorities and plans to enhance non-motorized transportation in the valley.

The PC members spent some time reviewing the suggested plans for the Warren Town Green that were created at the Town Green Charrette the Commission hosted on May 30<sup>th</sup>. They also reviewed some suggestions Mr. Sellers had drawn up and submitted since he was unable to attend the Charrette. After discussing the pros and cons of the different elements presented, Mr. Sanford volunteered to draw a plan that showed what they had talked about for them to review at the next meeting.

On the topic of False Alarms and Wood Burning appliances, the PC agreed that before they write anything or suggest a direction to take that they needed to know and understand what if any authority the Town had to impose ordinances to effect these issues. The next step is to gain better understanding and two PC members volunteered to speak with the State Fire Safety Dept. to hopefully gain some insight and answers.

The members reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

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