

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday September 28, 2015**

Members Present: Mike Ketchel, Mike Bridgewater, Jim Sanford, Randy Graves, Alison Duckworth and Dan Raddock.

Others Present: Damen Reed, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

1. Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 7:45
2. Chapter 3 of the Warren Town Plan, Connotted discussion of proposed draft language from the VNRC , "Wildlife Habitat" section of Chapter 3 of the Warren Town Plan
3. Town Green, proposed parking for Town Green Plan
4. Review & sign minutes September 14th, 2015 draft)
5. Other & New business:

UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING DATES: **October 13th, Tuesday**, VDAT – update Joshua, Schwartz, October 26th, November 16th, November 30th, December 14th.

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

There was no public comment.

The PC had a discussion about the proposed language submitted by the VNRC for the Wildlife Habitat section of Chapter 3 of the Town Plan. Both Mr. Raddock and Mr. Sanford were not able to be at the meeting of August 24th where Mr. Fidel [VNRC] and Mr. Hilke [VT Fish & Wildlife] gave their presentation. Though both of them had read the proposed language Mr. Sanford felt it was important to have the maps available to better understand what was being proposed. Discussion continued about asking CVRPC about the cost and possibility of getting a base map with several clear overlays to be utilized by both the PC and the Conservation Commission. The conversation then shifted to the delicate balance between property rights and wilderness protection and how it would work in practical terms. Mr. Reed, the Chairman of the Conservation Commission, noted for the PC that what was proposed does not say "you can't" but rather takes one through a series of choices. Mr. Sanford added that the Town Plan sets the intention whereas the Land Use and Development Regulations is where the rubber meets the road. The members then briefly talked about forest management plans, how they work, and how timber extraction can take place with wildlife taken into consideration.

The subject of the Town Green was continued until a future date. The Minutes of September 14th were reviewed and signed. Under new and other business the PC discussed the status of the VDAT project which involves the center of Warren Village. A RFP [request for proposal] has been drafted by the Mad River Planning District seeking a qualified consultant to act as project manager for the development of the Warren Village Main Street Improvement Project. Mr. Schwartz also noted that the PC might want to consider forming a project steering committee to coordinate with the project manager. Both Mr. Sanford and Mr. Graves offered to be liaisons for the PC [Mr. Sanford] and the Select Board [Mr. Graves] for the project. Mr. Ketchel brought up that they needed to make a list of what they needed to do to get the Town Plan undated for April 2016. So far the list contains an update of maps, inclusion of language for green infrastructure and an update for the housing distribution plan. He asked his fellow members to think of any other items to be targeted and to bring

them to the next meeting. Also, the agenda for the next meeting should include: Discussion of zero clearance fireplaces with an insurance company representative; the parking lot professional regarding the maximum number of spaces possible with the Town Green creation; and Mr. Schwartz from the MRVPD regarding the VDAT project and RFP.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant
Planning Commission

Mike Ketchel date

Dan Raddock date

Alison Duckworth date

Randy Graves date

Mike Bridgewater date

Jim Sanford date

