

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday June 22, 2015**

Members Present: Mike Ketchel, Mike Bridgewater, Jim Sanford and Dan Raddock.

Others Present: Will Fender, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

- 1) Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 - 7:45
- 2) William E. Flender, Executive Director, MRPA: Path along the Sugarbush Access Road (William E. Flender <path@madriver.com)
- 3) Review Appendix C, added definitions
- 4) Review of Town Green - Plans.
- 5) Review & sign minutes (June 8, 2015draft)
- 6) Other & New business:
- 7) Adjourn Meeting

UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING DATES:

July 13th, July 27th, August 10th, August 24th, Conservation Commission; September 14th, September 28th.

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:51 pm.

With there being no public comment the PC began with Will Flender, Executive Director of the Mad River Path. Mr. Flender specifically wanted to discuss with the Commission efforts to find a way to create a section of the Mad River path from Irish Pond Road to Lincoln Peak. He told the Commission that plans to have a pedestrian type path along the Access Road date back to the 1980s. The desire to see a pathway along the Access Road is even cited in the Town Plan. There are development projects that have been built that have a sidewalk or path as one of the conditions in their permit but with no walkway to link up to it does not seem to make sense. Mr. Flender said that there is money available that he would like to apply for to do a scoping study to flush out what it would take to get a path done but needs to do it through the Town of Warren. He was asking for the PC's endorsement as he was scheduled to go in front of the Select Board to present his request the following evening. Mr. Sanford made the motion to support the project by going forward with the application for the funds for the scoping study. Mr. Bridgewater seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

The next item the PC considered was the addition of a few definitions to Appendix C, Glossary, of the Town Plan. The definitions were ones related to the energy chapter and brought to the members'

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attention at the last meeting. Mr. Sanford made a motion to approve the additions to Appendix C and to move forward to the Select Board the revised Chapter 5 and Appendix C of the Town Plan for their review. Mr. Bridgewater seconded the motion which was then voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Sanford then shared with the members a proposed rendition of the future Town Green that took into account several of the many ideas presented at the Charrette on May 30th. He attempted to address the need for as much parking as possible while still maximizing a “green” area. Incorporated into the design was a pedestrian walkway/path from Main Street where a possible crosswalk would also be, up past the war memorial to the new green. The plan suggested the addition of a few trees and a simple stone/brick border that would define the Town Green. The design eliminates a roadway going between the Town Hall and the Municipal building. The PC wanted to have Mr. Weston from the Road Crew come in and discuss what issues there might be as to snow plowing with the proposed design.

The members reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting. In new and other business Mr. Raddock reported that Select Board member Mr. Mays shared with him his conversation with a member of the State Dept. of Fire Safety regarding the false alarm issue. One suggestion that came out of the discussion was that the Town could adopt a fee schedule as have other towns for false alarm calls. Also part of the conversation Mr. Mays had with the Dept. of Fire Safety was regarding wood burning appliances and their safety concerns. There is still a question of whether or not the Town has the authority to impose an ordinance but it was suggested that if any ordinance stayed within the parameters of the 2012 fire code it might be “ok”. The PC discussed looking to the VT league of Cities and Towns as a resource for further information and legal opinion.

Mr. Sanford will not be available for the July 13th meeting and Ms. Robbins will not be available for the July 27th meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

Mike Ketchel date

Jim Sanford date

Mike Bridgewater date

Dan Raddock date