

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday May 9, 2016**

Members Present: Mike Ketchel, Camilla Behn, Alison Duckworth, Mike Bridgewater and Randy Graves.

Others Present: Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

- 1) Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30 7:45
- 2) Chapter 3. - Warren Town Plan, revised language (Draft)
- 3) Town Garage, Alternative Sites
- 4) Proposed Tree Ordinance
- 5) List of topics for 2016 Town Plan update, topics listed to date:
 - a) Update of maps, CDM SMITH
 - b) Inclusionary language for green infrastructure
 - c) Update for the housing distribution plan.
- 6) Review & sign minutes April 25th, 2016 draft
- 7) Other & New business:

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

The first item the PC considered was additions to Chapter 3 of the Town Plan under *Rivers and Streams* that were suggested by the Friends of the Mad River. Other material added that was also discussed by the members was language regarding Climate Change and Habitat Connectivity which had been submitted by the Conservation Commission. Both submittals had been requested by the Planning Commission. Little if no changes were proposed by the Commission except for the information from the Conservation Commission which was broken up into a section on climate change, the effect on habitat connectivity placed a couple pages later and the specific recommendations will be incorporated under a new objective at the end of the chapter. A minor modification was made to the section under Forest Fragmentation for specificity and the information under agriculture about the Kingsbury Farm will be updated to state that the farm is now under private ownership but still operating as a farm and producing food in the community. It is anticipated that with these modifications added that the next draft could be at the stage where the PC will have a public hearing and hopefully move a proposed revision on to the Select Board for their review and approval.

The Commission members then briefly discussed the topic of the Town Garage. The facility is sorely in need of repair, replacement, additional structures and code compliance work. Though the current location of the Town Garage is considered by the Planning Commission to not be the best or ideal spot, alternative sites have not been found to date. The Select Board is on the cusp of designating monies towards the much needed improvements at the garage despite the sentiment that it is the wrong location to spend money on. The PC members agreed that a small committee of two PC members and two Select Board members should have a final discussion before moving forward.

At the last PC meeting the members reviewed and had a discussion with the Town Tree Warden, Ms. Moffroid, about a proposed Town Tree Ordinance. Having some time to further mull the topic over a few thoughts were shared on the subject. The comment was made that we seem to be getting more 'urbanized' with an ordinance for this and another for that and that more regulation may not be what we really want. It was also noted that respect for individual land owner's rights needed to be maintained though the town needed to

address any safety issues such as a tree or trees that were posing a possible threat of damage to public property. At the last meeting it was left that Ms. Moffroid would do some additional editing of the draft and get back to the PC.

Under new and other business the PC asked that Mr. Camara be at the next meeting with an update on any responses to the RFP for a design and engineer for the Warren Main Street Improvement Project. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed. Ms. Duckworth reported that the RFP had been submitted for the Access Road Scoping Study to assess the feasibility of extending/creating a path from Irish Pond Road to Inferno Road. Mr. Bridgewater reported that the W3MP [Watershed Wide Water Management Project had been renamed as Ridge to River and that they were developing an education piece as it was determined that they only way this initiative would succeed would be through educational outreach.

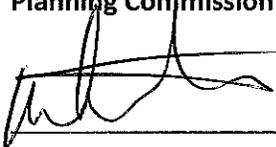
The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm. The next meeting of the Warren Planning Commission is Monday May 23, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins

DRB/PC Assistant

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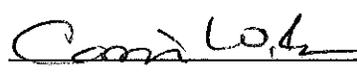
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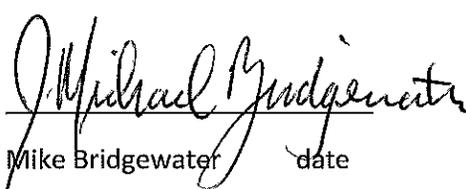
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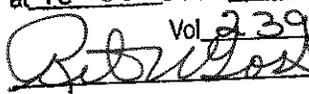
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