

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday November 14, 2016**

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

Others Present: Mark Hamlin, Kevin Camara, Clay Mays, Daniel Peck, Edmund Mei, Ward Joyce, Kristine Keeney, Kinny Perot, Richard Czaplinski, Rebecca Peatman, Virginia Roth, Mac Rood, Paul Hanke, Jeff Burnett, Debi and Jon Rickard, Peter Mark Hays, Patrisha Hays, Chris Keating, Joy Schiffmann, Meg Hourihan, Margo Wade, Peter MacLaren, Gary and Deb Johannesen, Jack Garvin, Robin Bleier, Chris Behn, Andy Cunningham, Jane Austin, Steve and Fran Glaser, Allice cheney, Cherri Sherman, Marie Schmukel,Carolynn and Gregory Schipa, Miron Malboeuf and Ruth Robbins.

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

1. Opportunity for Public Comment 7:30-7:45
2. Warren Main Street Improvement Project Public Meeting :
Kevin J. Camara, P.E., Project Engineer, Ward Joyce, Ward Joyce Design, Mark P. Hamelin,
CLARB Certified, PLA, ASLA, Senior Landscape Architect/Planner VHB
3. Corrie Miller, Executive Director Friends of Mad River,
4. Review & sign minutes, October 24th, 2016 draft
5. Other & New business:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

Mr. Ketchel, PC Chairman, addressed the thirty plus people who had come to the Public hearing on the Warren Main Street Improvement Project by giving them the history behind what has gotten us to this point. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hamlin who is the lead designer to explain what the currently proposed design is and the reasoning behind it.

Many comments/questions were posed by the public in attendance. They are as follows: Will the surface of the gateway sections create much noise when vehicles pass over them [minimal]; has the PC considered having the speed limit reduced in the village to 15 or 20 mph [no but that is something the Select Board would do]; can the overhead powerlines be placed underground with this project [budget does not allow for it but maybe placing conduit for the future can be done] ; like the concept but don't think it works well for the long winter we have with snow covering it; can any drainage issues be addressed with this project [maybe, there are budget constraints and only a small part is in the town ROW – a lot is located on private land]; this concept is frequently used in European countries with slower traffic as a result; will crosswalks be utilized [not with this project]; will there be signage warning drivers of the change [not considered for this project – some folks feel we already have too many signs]; people will go through a period of time adapting to the changes; will additional trees be planted [yes, the existing trees will be retained and a few new ones added with input from the Town Tree Warden]; would a stop sign on Main Street before Brook Road for those driving north be a good idea [something to be considered]; this plan seems like a good compromise after hearing about all the issues and other possible plans over the years [thank you, the PC thought it was good, especially after holding the charrette which came up with this approach]; to go back to the drainage/stormwater issue, maybe the Friends of the Mad River can look into a grant that would be of help [that would be great but keep in mind we are on a very short time frame – this project must be completed by June 30, 2017]; there looks like there could be an issue with backing up from the parking area in front of the Warren Store [there always has been and really cannot be avoided]; what colors are going to be used on the new road surface – if all the same color may look too big, too many colors may not fit the old, quaint feel of the village [the thought is to keep it in the same

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color family, such as grey, but make it different variations of grey, and to possibly vary the stone size or pattern]; where will the snow go [the road crew will do what they have in the past, plow and then bucket load it to by the gazebo and the northern end of the Roth property]. It was then suggested that an informal vote be taken as to who in attendance was in favor of lowering the speed limit in the village. Thirty people raised their hands in favor of lowering the speed limit. With no other comments, the public hearing part of the PC meeting came to an end at 8:28pm.

The PC had a brief discussion about the project's budget – one that was based on a sidewalk project proposed by the work by the V-DAT team of consultants – and which is inadequate to really do what the PC wants to see done. It appears that the Select Board has other priorities for the coming year's budget so funds from that source is unlikely. They then discussed how to do the project in phases so that the initial phase still satisfied the grant and then look for future funding to complete the project. Some members thought there was no harm in at least asking the Select Board about funding whereas others thought we should just stay within the budget of the grant.

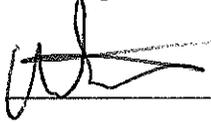
The next item was to be a conversation about stormwater issues with Corrie Miller, Executive Director Friends of Mad River, but unfortunately she was unable to attend. In her place, Ms. Perot and Mr. Czaplinski attended and spoke with the PC about the statewide initiative to decrease phosphates from getting into our rivers, streams and lakes. The Friends of the Mad River are working with the Ridge to Rivers group who have also employed Stone Environmental as consultants, in developing some outreach to homeowners and the valley towns in addressing stormwater management on driveways and roads. They also asked the PC to put on their calendar an informational forum to be held on Wednesday December 7th at the Big Picture.

The PC members reviewed and signed the minutes from the previous meeting. In new and other business Mr. Malboeuf told the PC that one of the town constables wanted to have a stricter dog ordinance – one with more teeth – and did the PC want to take a look at it. Some thought it should go directly to the Select Board to deal with, and upon further discussion they decided to take the time to look at it at their next meeting.

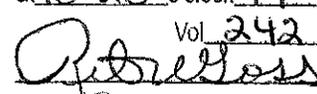
The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

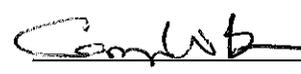
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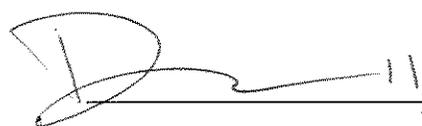
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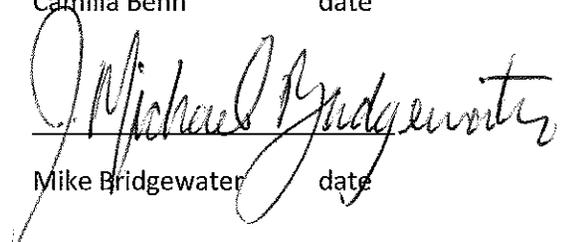
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