TOWN OF WARREN PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Special Meeting Minutes Monday, September 24, 2018 - 7:00PM Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

PRESENT: Susan Bates, John Papp, Kelly Tobin, Howard Lethbridge; First Selectman, Craig Nelson;

ZEO, Stacey Sefcik; Secretary, Brenda Zampaglione

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. All members present were seated for the meeting. The proceedings were digitally recorded, and copies are available in the Land Use Office.

2. DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY FORUM HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

The Sub-committee was pleased with the turn-out of over 75 residents at the meeting. All residents who spoke had very good ideas and input for the POCD Sub-committee to consider.

The Sub-committee discussed observations from the Community Issues Forum. There is no final write-up available as of yet. It will take Glenn Chalder 3 weeks to summarize all the information taken at the Forum. Information summary will be sent to all Sub-committee members and posted on the Town website as soon as it is available.

The top priorities are:

- Preservation of Farm Land
- Attracting Young Families to Warren
- Affordable Housing Options
- Town Center

Ms. Sefcik handed out a quick summary thus far from the Special Topic Forums to date and read through the bulleted list of priorities for the Sub-committee.

A first place winner has been chosen for the Cover Photo contest. Winner will be announced shortly. In addition, a discussion was had to include some of the Warren School children's artwork in the POCD manual.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 27, 2018

MOTION: Kelly Tobin, Second, Howard Lethbridge to APPROVE the August 27, 2018 SPECIAL Meeting minutes; APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY ABSTENTIONS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

b. September 10, 2018

MOTION: John Papp, Second, Howard Lethbridge to APPROVE the September 10, 2018 SPECIAL Meeting minutes; APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY ABSTENTIONS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

4. STATUS UPDATE ON OCTOBER SPECIAL TOPIC FORUM

Ms. Sefcik then discussed the next Forum Topic: *Promoting Warren's Town Center, (Agri)Tourism & Small Businesses*, scheduled for October 4th at 7:00 pm at the Warren Town Center. Ms. Sefcik is currently centering her focus on invitations to this event and asked the Sub-committee for suggestions on additional residents to invite.

5. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE SUB-COMMITTEE

Ms. Sefcik discussed the top 3 strategies of the special topic forum of **Warren's Future: Attracting Young Families** held on September 10.

- Improving cell reception and high speed internet
- Advertise the benefits/merits of Warren school and the town in general
- Give new families and/or new businesses one year tax free as incentive to locate here.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The Subcommittee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM, unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Zampaglione
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