

# **WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of June 28, 2011 Meeting**

**Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor**

**7:30 pm**

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**Attendees: WVHDC members BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente, Edward J. Theberge, John Sheridan, Chris Fuller, John DaSilva and Eileen Collins; Arnold Robinson and Ann Arruda**

**Absentees: WVHDC member Patricia Read**

**Location: Planning Board Conference Room, Warren Town Hall**

**1 - Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**2 – New/Review Applicants**

**None**

**3- Review of Minutes**

**a. May 24, 2011**

**Mr. DaSilva made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Fuller. Motion passed unanimously.**

**4 - Old Business**

**a. Financial Report**

**Mr. DaSilva said the WVHDC has spent \$2,447.83 year to date with the \$110 stipend to the secretary yet to be paid. The FY 2010-2011 budget of \$2,500 is over expended by \$57.83. He said that is a result of not adding the \$233.95 postage costs to the price of the mailers.**

**The secretary will draft a memo to the Town Manager asking that the Town Council approve the over expenditure at its July meeting.**

**b. Status Report**

**No change from last month**

**c. Mr. Theberge reported on the Planning Board Meeting which he attended the previous evening. He said the PB approved all the recommendations presented by the WVHDC regarding Albert Bilodeau's latest plans for his property on Water Street.**

**Mr. Theberge said because the property is in the flood plain, Mr. Bilodeau must present plans with the architect's stamp affixed. On Monday he only had unstamped draft plans.**

**Gen. Valente made a motion to accept Mr. Theberge's report on the PB meeting, seconded by Mr. Sheridan. The motion passed. Ms. Collins abstained as a potential abutter.**

**5 - New Business**

**a. Review of Roger Williams University Historic Plan for Warren presented by adjunct professor Arnold Robinson.**

**Gen. Valente told Mr. Robinson he had the opportunity to review the report and he might have suggested different wording in several**

areas. Mr., Robinson said the report was a draft and changes can still be made. He also explained that once finalized the report may be used in its entirety by the Town for the Comprehensive Plan or only parts of it.

“It is a menu of recommendations,” he said. He encouraged comments from the WVHDC.

Deadline for comments is Sept. 1. The final version will be presented to the Warren Planning Board. Mr. Robinson also said when asked that he believes work on the Comprehensive Plan is currently “in stasis.”

Mr. Theberge and Gen. Valente commented that the report is very comprehensive and they appreciate the work done by Mr. Robinson and his group of graduate students.

Gen. Valente suggested that the committee hold a special session or workshop to review the plan and come up with changes/additions/deletions to present to Mr. Robinson for the plan. The committee agreed to hold a workshop on July 19, at 7 p.m.

## **6- Other/Correspondence**

### **a. Old Warren Marina**

Gen. Valente suggested sending a memorandum to Town Solicitor DeSisto regarding the new roof installed by Old Warren Marina. The property owners did not come before the WVHDC for a review as is called for under the deed restriction. Gen. Valente said he wanted to

**be sure that the property owners were at fault and wanted the matter clarified by the Solicitor. The secretary was asked to draft a memo to that effect.**

**Mr. DaSilva said he put a metal sign in front of 2nd Story Theatre advertising that the renovation project had been approved for tax credits under the WVHD program. He said there was only one such sign. Ms. Collins was asked to get prices on the purchase of additional signs.**

## **7 - Adjournment**

**Mr. Theberge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fuller and passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**