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 Mont Vernon (MV) Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Meeting

This meeting held at the MV Fire Station Community Room was called to order at 7:00pm by Paul Lavertu, Chairman. Also present were committee members: Tim Angulas, Chris Blunt, Pim Grondstra, Eileen Naber, Secretary, John Quinlan, Selectmen's Rep. and Stephanie Vore Apple. Absent was: Heather Allain.

First order of business was to approve the minutes for our October 3 meeting. CB moved and TA seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

JQ then distributed a copy of the presentation by the NRPC covering Capital Planning Policies including Capital Improvement Plans.

PL then confirmed that the presentation of our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Selectmen, Planning Board (PL) and the many town Department Heads (DH) will be held on October 30. After discussion it was decided to hold that meeting in the MVFD Community Room if available. PL will secure the room.

PG than asked about the time frame for the presentation. SVA said that we need to be precise in our presentation and leave time for questions from the audience. PL said he will do the presentation guided by the PowerPoint slides. However, any one of us may help answer questions asked by the audience.

CB wants the presentation to not just show results but also show the thought process we went through to obtain these results. We worked as a group and are united in the presentation. PG added that this is probably the only time each will see what every DH is asking for. PL clarified that the proposed additional funds for the highway department are to be added to their budget while the PD funds are expected to be a Capital Reserve (CR).

We then went over this PowerPoint document to be used in the presentation: "Town of Mont Vernon CIP Recommendation - v6 pl 10.17.23". Many corrections/additions were made before we gave final approval. It was agreed that meeting attendees will get a paper copy of this document. SVA stated that any hand-outs have a DRAFT watermark on them so as to not confuse them with the final report.

CB commented that a 90 minute presentation is not too long if we can present everything and have time for questions. SVA said we should be sure to tell the groundwork for the formation of this CIP and that it was formulated in order to preserve our town according to the MV Master Plan. This should be covered in the introduction to the meeting. EN suggested that PL give a speech about what we are & about as the Title Slide is on the screen. SVA asked that each person stand & give their name at the start. Have introduction of each by group: First - commitee members, next -Selectmen and so forth. EN said that many attendees are relatively new to town and don't recognize us. Then start the meat of the presentation.

PG stated that this document is a wholistic view of what everyone needs and its place in the order of acquisition. If each DH works individually, rather that together, the more aggressive head wins. If all view the presented timeline they will see that their demands will be met in logical order. CB added that any NO vote at Town Meeting may cause a shift in the plan. JQ added that this is a working document that should be reviewed regularily.

TA said that with this audience we can be blunt but we need to recognize our audience. The presentation to the general public may have a different approach.

JQ left the meeting at 8PM

PL pointed out that implementation of this plan is in the hands of the DH's and the Selectmen. They must formulate the appropriate Warrant Articles and/or insert the additional funds into their budgets. He also will ask the attendees to direct any additional questions following the meeting to any member of the SAC committee by November 20th so that they may be considered prior to the final edition.

Following the presentation on October 30 our next meeting will be November 21 at the MVFD.

We will not meet November 2 unless an emergency occurs.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Naber, Secretary