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Mont Vernon (MV) Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC)

Minutes of the October 3, 2023 Meeting

This meeting held at the MV Fire Station Community Room was called to order at 7:03pm by Paul Lavertu, Chairman. Also present were committee members: Heather Allain, Tim Angulas, Chris Blunt, Pim Grondstra, Eileen Naber, Secretary, and Stephanie Vore Apple. Absent was: John Quinlan, Selectmen's Rep.

First order of business was to approve the minutes for our September 5th and 19th meetings. After a few corrections the minutes were approved. PG then addressed the proposal of a lot line adjustment between the Town and the USPS. He pointed out that it is just a suggestion at this time and was unsure of any action being pursued.

Discussion of the Power Point (PP) presentation document was then addressed. PL brought up the question as to whether the cost of the proposed road to the new library should fall under the Department of Public Works (DPW) or the Cemetery account in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) timeline. EN commented that the road is being promoted as a cemetery access road; however, the DPW will have the job of maintaining it. It was decided to leave it under the Cemetery.

HA said we should include a statement in our presentation as to how long the SAC met, that we first compiled a Master Plan, then met with all the MV Department Heads before arriving at this CIP.

EN asked what the basis was for the expense line shown on Slide 7. PL explained that it only tracked the increase in the Town expenses for Capital Improvements over the next ten years. It did not include the Town operating budget nor other Warrant Articles. HA added that the message of this slide is to show residents the tax impact of capital improvements only.

It was agreed that to improve Town roads we should foster a $99,000 increase, per year for 10 years, rather than float a bond for future road work. We then went over the specific Department slides adding Risks & Opportunities for each**.**

The words on every slide in that document was read, reworded, and then finalized. The finished document will be sent to everyone once PL has all the updates made.

Determining how and when to present our findings to the townspeople was discussed. SVA recommended we first tell the Selectmen and the Department Heads. Then we tell the general public after the first of the year.

Next Steps: 1: We need to clean up our PP document. to be done at our October 17th meeting

2. Presentation to the Selectmen will occur on November 13 at the regular Selectmen's

meeting, if we have approval (PL will secure that). As PL will be unavailable

that night HA will be point person. (Who will notify Dept Heads?)

3. Possible November 21 meeting to wrap up Presentation documents for public hearing.

Our next meeting will be October 17 at the MVFD. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Naber, Secretary