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Mont Vernon (MV) Strategic Advisory Committee

Minutes of the November 28, 2023 Meeting

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 7pm by Paul Lavertu, Chairman. Also present were committee members: Tim Angulas, Chris Blunt, Pim Grondstra, Eileen Naber, Secretary, and Stephanie Vore Apple

Absent were Heather Allain and John Quinlan, Selectmen's Rep.

CB moved to accept the minutes from October 17 and October 30 as corrected. TA seconded the motion & it passed.

PL opened with a rundown of where the committee stands. He reiterated that the Draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Power Point was presented to the Department Heads & the Selectmen on October 30. Some feedback was received from Jay Wilson, MV Fire Chief and from DPW Director, Ben Crosby. Also the timeline for the MV Town Hall work has changed. PL made changes to the Power Point presentation where appropriate.

Conversation ensued as to how the final Draft CIP would be written, when could it be presented to the MV Planning Board (PB), when should it be released to the public, what is our role in presenting it to the public, and how should we inform the public as to the importance in adopting the final funding plan going forward so as to maintain a relatively level town tax rate.

SVA also raised the question as to whether the MV School Board should be included in the discussion as their budget also effects the resident's taxes.

CB said that public presentation should wait until the PB has approved the plan. He added that we vetted all the projects and determined all are needed so there shouldn't be any nitpicking.

EN recommended that we just concentrate on the committee's charge which is to write a Draft CIP to present to the Planning Board. Once that is finished we can determine how to inform the residents.

We then edited the Power Point file that we presented on October 30th. It was decided to change the title from CIP to "Capital Improvement Strategy". Editing continued eliminating a few slides and changing others. It was decided to present the file to the PB at their meeting on December 12. PL will give the Power Point file to SVA for final clean up. Once that is done she will forward it to us and the PB members so they have time to read it prior to their December meeting.

PL encouraged members to attend the PB meeting on December 12.

Our next meeting will be January 2, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Naber, Secretary