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Mont Vernon (MV) Strategic Advisory Committee

Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Paul Lavertu, Chairman. Also present were committee members: Heather Allain, , Eileen Naber, Secretary, Stephanie Vore Apple. Pim Grondstra, Sean Yamamoto and John Quinlan, Selectmen's Rep.

Absent were: Tim Angulas, Chris Blunt, Andrew Stokinger.

PL opened the meeting at 7:10pm. HA moved and SVA seconded that the minutes of the

November 1 meeting be approved. So voted.

PL acertained that all members received the document titled: "2022 STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONT VERNON INTEGRATED MASTER PLAN". He asked that everyone read it carefully and notify him of all corrections of statements as well as formatting edits. PL then stated exactly which documents our committee will be forwarding to the Selectmen as well as the Planning Board (PB).

SVA displayed a file on Mural, a program that allows visualization of diagrams & flow, that showed a map of the center of town and allowed input for costs per department per year looking into the future. This program should be a perfect way to plot the many facets in composing our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

JQ said that while the MV Village School is a town building it is under the jurisdiction of the MV School Board. Someone questioned the ownership of McCollom Field. Eileen Naber responded that the MV School owns it and subsequently sent proof of ownership to all committee members.

JQ advised we plot all the improvements asked for and then determine which order to do them. Not all projects need to be done singly but may be combined depending on cost and convenience. Many items are very costly and can disrupt several departments in getting them done. He would like to see our committee form a recommendation on the sequence of improvements.

EN asked how can our committee come up with the preferred order of town office upgrades. PL questioned what strategy can we as a group use to answer that question. HA also questioned how our findings can be presented to the townspeople and when. PG said that keeping the tax rate even is important to the taxpayers. JQ said that a building bond issue is usually 20 years in length it could be longer. PG stated that we must weigh quantitative vs qualitative when determining project order.

Brainstorming office expansion possibilities brought these suggestions: add to the MVFD building for the police department, buy the USPS site (neat idea but not possible), build a new police station on the town portion of the Town Center Property, ......... EN asked if there was a way to determine square-foot costs on new office building construction. SY said that he will look into that. JQ suggested non-use of either the Town Hall or McCollom by building new.

JQ said that location of town offices is the responsibility of the Selectmen. He also asked when forming the CIP we show total expected cost as well as yearly responsibility.

Next meeting will be November 29 rather than December 6. Place to be determined.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Naber, Secretary