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Mont Vernon Strategic Advisory Committee

Minutes of the October 4, 2022 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman Paul Labertu. Also present were committee members: Tim Angulas, Pim Grondstra, Stephanie Vore Apple, Andrew Stokinger, Sean Yamamoto, Eileen Naber, Secretary, John Quinlan, Selectmen's Rep.

Absent were: Heather Allain, Chris Blunt.

The minutes of the September 20, 2022 were amended and approved.

Discussion ensued as to what documents the committee wants to present to the Selectmen and Planning Board (PB). SY suggested we give them a copy of our Master Plan 2012 (MP) Working Document (WD) (the ones showing all the additions & deletions) as well as a Clean version that would be easy to read. PL said that the marked-up document could be bewildering to read while the Clean version is easy to understand. Also we should present a Summary of the working of this committee which PL volunteered to write. EN said to include in the Summary the statement that no data was updated by this committee.

It was decided that the Selectmen and the PB will receive all three documents: Working Document, Clean, and Summary. Only the Clean version will be posted on the MV Web Site.

Continuation of editing the MP was next on the agenda. Much of the section titled Grasslands and Other Open Lands was a general description as was Water Resources. Some of the information was also included in the Land Use section so it shouldn't be repeated. JQ added that the Conservation Commission could update this section as to towns parcels.

The Buffers section was very outdated. It is known that more restrictions have been enacted by the PB. AS questioned whether the town could order a watering restriction in case of drought when we do not have a municipal water system. JQ replied that the Selectmen only use what the state mandates. It was noted that the New Boston Tracking Station is now named the New Boston Space Force Station (BOSS).

PL than switched to discussion of the suggested Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that we are to formulate. He said that we need to contact each of the town's committees/boards to ascertain what projects over $25,000 they anticipate in the next 15 years. SVA suggested we ask each of the groups the same questions for easy comparison. PL then listed the various ideas at the bottom of the WD. It was decided to separate the physical building needs from the department requirement.

JQ remarked that the Building Use Committee (BUC) in 2018 reported on the condition of the McCollom, Town Hall, and Library buildings so there is no need to repeat that. SY asked that their report be posted on the town web-site. PG recommended an update on both the MVFD and the DPW buildings. SVA feels we should list each town owned building and what improvements/modernization needs to be done. JQ said the transfer station is funded by the SLRD so no town expenditures there. AS questioned the MVVS expenses. As they have their own CIP we should include that in our report. SY said that costs for improvements are so unpredictable should we even try to estimate them.

It was finally decided to send out a general question, via email, to each chairman of a town committee or board asking what project they will be requesting during the next 15 years that costs over $25,000. EN volunteered to do the mailing (later rescinded due to time restraints and SVA then volunteered) once the question was determined. After ascertaining who had a project either someone from the SAC or at a SAC meeting the chairman would be interviewed to determine need over want, description of the project, and the timeline.

The plan is to have interviews completed or occurring at our meeting on October 18th so we can begin to compile the anticipated CIP.

WD can be found on the town website dated 10.4.22. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen E. Naber

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