

## **MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

**On line via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

**Members Present:** Bob Roemer, Brian Boyle, Panny Gerken, Stacia Downey, Mary Ciummo, Ken Troup, Ed Sterling

**Others Present:** Todd Miller, Jef Fasser, Olivia Knightly

**Minutes.** On a motion by Panny and seconded by Brian, the minutes for the May 30, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously as amended to change the date of the next meeting.

**Update on Master Plan document.** A few days before the meeting, BSC sent to MPSC members the draft document of initial conditions. The document is primarily a summary and initial implementation plan with details in appendices. Bob expressed the opinion that the draft document is too long. Stacia wanted to know if BSC wants comments from MPSC members. The answer was Yes and all comments are to be provided to Bob who will consolidate the comments and give them to BSC in about two weeks.

**Master Planning Priorities.** Bob is planning a meeting to talk about engaging residents in conversations. Consensus was MPSC needs to have a forum about the high priorities that are evolving from work on the Master Plan. Brian had sent out a survey to MPSC members to identify their high priorities. He reported that the top 5 priorities were:

- Municipal use of Camp Resolute
- Land use and Housing
- Creating a Community Center
- Preserving rural character while meeting housing goals
- Traffic impacts

Based on the input, Brian suggested there be a discussion and forum about a community center and Camp Resolute. Bob cautioned care in public discussions, making sure that the town engages in parallel with the Boy Scouts. Panny said that Don Lowe believes the Council on Aging needs to be part of any discussion. Bob suggested discussions with the Boy Scouts that includes the town's interest in a community center with discussion about what facilities might be useful to the town, including potential space for town offices. Brian, however, cautioned that there may not be much public interest in office space. All agreed that the subject should be discussed in the Master Plan. Someone noted that sufficient town facilities are important for maintaining and attracting town employees. With regard to town employee facilities, all agreed we needed descriptions of current facilities and compare with other towns, emphasizing the impacts on employees.

**Forums and Public Discussions.** Attendees then discussed ways to engage the public in the master planning process. Posters, interactive questions, mapping tools, and polling items were mentioned. They discussed having multiple tables at a forum with care as to including people with different perspectives and including representatives of different constituencies in the town. BSC said they would be happy to help organize and facilitate the forums. There was agreement that MPSC members could reach out to stakeholders with details provided by BSC.

Bob reminded attendees of the grant request he has in for Randall Arendt and the seminar he would provide that relates to responsible rural development. Bob further noted that he would like to meet with BSC to discuss the overall schedule planning for completion of the Master Plan.

Bob and Brian will further discuss the date for the next meeting, potentially Tuesday August 1 or Thursday August 3 and let attendees know when it will be. On a motion by Brian and seconded by Panny, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.