

Minutes of the Town of Marble:  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 5, 2023

A. Call to order & roll call of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees – Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present: Ryan Vinciguerra, Larry Good, Amber McMahill and Emma Bielski. Absent: Tony Petrocco. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator and Terry Langley, minutes.

B. Mayor Comments - Happy New Year and welcome!

C. Consent Agenda -

a. Approve December 1, 2022 minutes

b. Approve Current Bills, January 5, 2023 - Ron added three bills: 1) the Wetlands project funds in the amount of \$98,000 were received from the State of Colorado and has been deposited. There is a bill for \$95,000 to be paid to Trout Unlimited. 2) Avalanche Computers – tablets for the trustees and laptops for Terry Langley and Allie Wettstein for a total of \$5,045. 3) The third bill is for Daly Properties for snow removal in the amount of \$9,213.75.

Larry Good made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the three additional bills. Amber McMahill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Administrator Report

a. Pat Willits, Trust for Land Restoration (TLR), update on Marble Wetlands project – Pat and John Armstrong, CVEPA, joined by conference call. Pat thanked the town for their help in cleaning up the smelter site and serving as the fiscal agent for the project. He explained the next steps and ultimate goal is to work with the Aspen Valley Land Trust (AVLT) to place the property in a conservation easement to be administered by AVLT with the property then to be donated to and owned by the Town of Marble (approximately in November, 2023). Other goals include limiting vehicle access to only the private property owner who currently has an easement and preparing a deeded, foot-traffic easement to allow access across CPW land that is to the west of the property. TLR is asking that the town (Ron) enter into discussion with CPW to work that out. John explained that this access across the bridge where the hopper is located. The need for the easement is to insure free access to the Marble Wetlands. Amber asked about the road easement that the neighbor has and if it stays fully in place. Pat said that easement would remain in place unless the land owner gave it up. They are encouraging him to put up a gate. Emma Bielski made a motion to have Ron work with TLR and CPW going forward. Amber McMahill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Brian Shepard, Visionary Networks (VN), update on Marble Broadband project – Brian introduced himself and is the new VP of Grant Engagement. His immediate focus is grant projects that are ongoing, including the Marble project. He explained that VN applied to and received a grant from the state to bring fiber optic into Marble by 2022. They were not able to meet that deadline and they got an extension through 2023. Holy Cross had to do a comprehensive review of the poles for the span from Carbondale to Marble. They found that they would need to replace some old poles as well as to add some poles. Holy Cross is doing the make-ready work to design what they need to do. Upgrades and new poles are anticipated to be done by June or July and VN can follow along with the installation of

the fibre optic lines and they hope to be done by late summer/early fall. In addition, a 30' tower will be constructed at the fire station for line-of-site service to some who do not have power lines. Angus if the project is fully funded by the government. Brian explained that there is a requirement for a 25% match which VN will pay. There is no cost to the town. The anticipated price is in the range of \$80 (Emma said VN had quoted \$86 earlier) for the highest gig package. There will be lower cost packages for basic home use of \$30-50. He feels that their product is much more robust than traditional satellite service and will be more sustainable than lower altitude satellite service like Starlink. Telephone will be available as an add-on service. They cooperate with Centurylink in that Centurylink provides a circuit at Carbondale and VN will run their own lines into Marble. He will provide design diagrams to the town showing the plans for where the lines will be located.

c. Consider approval of Resolution 2023-1 regarding 2023 Public Posting Place – Amber McMahill made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Master Plan Report – Ron explained that the last Master Plan was done in 2000. This effort will be updating that Master Plan. The town will form a master plan steering committee with a planning commission to be appointed as well. The plan is for the town to hire a facilitator and form a stakeholder/steering committee of 5-7 people. The master plan will look 10 years out. The goal is to complete the plan in one year. Planning will include regular stakeholder/staff meetings, public meetings and participation, and monthly check-ins with the town board at regular meetings. Funding was included in the 2023 budget in the amount of \$12,500 with a match from (DOLA) for a total of \$25,000. Steering committee will include town citizens as well as people living outside of town in the surrounding area. The vision for the plan includes tailoring the plan to the issues relevant to the Town of Marble and might include land use, staffing, parks & rec, capital projects, roads & bridges, annexations, financial, enforcement, water and infrastructure.

Mark Chain made a proposal for being the facilitator. He explained his experience, including working as a professional planner for Carbondale and Basalt for more than twenty years. He has worked on master plans for Carbondale, Basalt and the Carbondale Fire District. He spoke to the need to work cooperatively with Gunnison County and how this would look different than many communities' master plans and likened our project to a strategic plan. He spoke to the need to look at town history, the current situation, assets, needs, citizen desires, goals and a structure to deal with issues as they arise. Amber asked when this might get started. Mark explained that organizational planning should begin soon. Larry asked if he would want to sit in on selection of the committee and he would. Larry asked if he would be bidding the job or working hourly. Mark said he would bid it based on a scope of work. Angus asked how they would develop a consensus of citizens. Mark said public meetings, surveys and votes can be used to develop a vision for a preferred future. Ryan asked how to get town involvement and Emma spoke to opportunities for communications. Larry spoke to the diversity of a steering committee. Sue asked about the difference between stakeholders and a planning commission. Ron explained that they see this as the same group due to the small pool of volunteers to draw from. Mark spoke to some of the different entities that might be represented: CVEPA, the quarry, business owners, etc. Ryan said the master planning committee might stay on as the ongoing planning commission once the Master Plan is completed. Mark talked about all the different roles the board already fills. Sue asked, if the stakeholder group would represent certain groups, who would act as the steering committee. Ryan said that the board would steer but the stakeholders would develop the plan. Ron

suggested using the agencies for their expertise but not as part of the core planning commission. Amber spoke to defining the terms and calling on the agencies for their expertise as needed. The board would act as the steering committee. Angus asked Mark how any changes/plans would be paid for. Mark explained that a Master Plan would not come up with funding, but would come up with and give guidance for ideas/goals/policies. The town board would come up with funding mechanisms. Amber explained that the master plan is to develop the vision of what we want the town to become. New resident, Bob Kulick, spoke to his experience on a master planning project for another town, the role of the facilitator, the work of the steering committee and the excitement of seeing plans come to fruition.

Allie is working on the application to be part of the committee. She presented a rough draft and said she would put an approved application on the website, will send hard copies to those who request it, and will put it in the Echo. Emma suggested a public service announcement on KDNK. Emma said the application looks awesome. Amber spoke to the need for including general information such as the time commitment and Allie said she wanted to include expectations and job description. Ron estimated one stakeholder meeting of 1-2 hours per month, a few public meetings and homework. Dustin asked if there would be term limits. Amber asked for a special meeting to look at Mark's proposal and to figure out some of the details around the committee make up and vision for the plan. Ryan would like a proposal from Mark for the Board to review but does not think Mark needs to be at the special meeting in person. Larry Good made a motion to hold a special meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the church to discuss the master plan project. Emma Bielski seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mark estimated a need for 1-2 meetings a month minimum plus homework so maybe 10 hours per month and a willingness to talk to people and seek their input.

#### F. Committee Reports -

a. Parks committee report – Emma suggested inviting the Parks committee to the Feb. meeting to review the process/organizational process.

#### G. Land use issues - none

#### H. Old Business

a. 2023 parking plan – Amber suggested reaching out to the Small Business Administration (SBA). She said that Kendall suggested reaching out, communicating the Lead King Loop recommendations and the Forest Service's support. He is willing write an agreement/addendum to the lease so that the SBA does not have to. Larry feels that any communication should include the need for feedback from the SBA one way or the other. Ryan suggested scheduling a phone conference with the SBA attorney. Ron explained that Kendall would write the agreement/addendum to the deed and provide it to the SBA so that all they would have to do is sign it. Amber made a motion that Ryan and Ron reach out to the SBA attorney and to have Kendall draft the agreement. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Other – Angus asked for an update on signs. Amber said they are planning for park entrance signs for the Mill Site Park with established rules, two town entrance signs and historic signage in conjunction with Crystal. She hopes to have cost quotes for the February meeting. Dustin asked if the signs would be put out to bid, if they would be standard signs or would be more artistic.

c. Internet – the town will pay \$125 per month to the church to cover internet and building use.

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I. New Business

a. Terry announced the formation of a Marble book club with the first organizational meeting scheduled for Jan. 18, 7 p.m., at the church.

b. Dustin asked what they needed to do to run the jeep tours out of the home they are building. Ryan explained that the process to change zoning is laid out in the codes and that they should get with Ron. Emma expressed sympathy for Glenn's passing.

J. Adjourn – Larry Good made a motion to adjourn. Emma Bielski seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Langley