

Minutes from the Town of Marble
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 16th, 2025

A. Call to Order and Roll Call for Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present from the Board: Ryan Vinciguerra, Larry Good, Amber McMahill, Dustin Wilkey. Absent: Amy Rusby. Present from the Master Planning Committee: Sue Blue, Brian Suter, Sam Wilkey, Greg Tonazzi, Connie Hendrix, Angus Barber, Mark Chain (facilitator) Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator; Alie Wettstein, Administrative Assistant and Terry Langley, minutes.

B. Meeting Expectations - Ryan thanked the committee and laid out some groundwork for the discussion.

C. Board of Trustees Comments –Amber particularly likes the matrixes. Ryan agreed. He acknowledged the uniqueness of the town and the challenge of relying on a small population to deal with change. The plan is a guiding summary of where the town is today. Dustin thanked everyone for their work and said it is a road map for the town and that they would do their best to act upon the suggestions.

D. Master Plan Committee Comments – Angus described the work he did with Amy as an “audit light”, including sales tax issues, increasing costs and investigating additional sources of revenue. He would like to see paid parking added to the matrix as well as working on the relationships with the SBA and county (financial liaison). Ryan asked how to add or edit things in the plan. Mark said edits can be made but it would be good to keep them simple. Sue spoke to the “very brief history of Marble” and the fact that the reactivation of the town should be included as it shows the resilience of the town and its citizens. She said the information can be found in the archives (1973 or so). She also wondered about including Slate Creek and its impact on the town. Mark said it is included in the Environment matrix. Greg said he had brought that to the attention of the County Commissioners as well as the fact that one of the property owners does not want Slate Creek material on her property. Alie said there is a flood map and assessment being done state-wide and the town asked that Slate Creek be included. Sam did not see anything about the emergency procedure plan or an art district, but was told that it is there. She spoke to the need for parking recommendations and code enforcement. She would like to see better pictures of Marble. She said there were misspellings and typos in the document. She also said the historic society website has info. She spoke to the need for more public meetings. Mark said that public meetings were on the schedule but he was not available due to health issues. He suggests working with the county GIS department particularly in regard to mapping. Emergency planning is out of the scope of master planning but is on Ron’s radar. Sam said she realizes it is not up to the master plan to solve things but would like to see more of what was included in the master planning meetings included in the plan. Brian said that changes covered in meeting discussions are not included. He does not feel that the matrix fits the needs of the town. Charlie Hendrix attended as a citizen and spoke to the paid parking for ATVs and the feeling that 90% of people are willing to pay but the number of parking spots available are limited. He would like to know more about ownership of the land and the possibility of expanding available parking. One sight was suggested and Amber explained that is the sight of the old the train station which was located behind the turn table. Charlie wondered how many people who go through the Mill Site Park go on to the Hub, the historical museum. He suggested adding a structure with town

history near the stage. Greg spoke to adding kiosks in various historical sites. Connie was on the previous master plan committee and said she is hearing some of the same ideas in this. Her focus was on the arts and culture. She would like to see this as a major focus due to the enthusiasm she found in the survey. She spoke to the fact that it ties in to many other things covered in the master plan, including history and the preservation of wild life. She asked how the town plans to execute the ideas that have come out of the planning process. She suggested forming committees for some of the goals and including the citizens as committee members. She would love to see 100% of citizens working on these with a council person assigned to attend the various committee meetings. She suggested a winter carnival with ice sculpture and winter sports as part of the Art and culture matrix. Ryan spoke to the fact that a need drives the work. He feels that the council members have interest in different areas covered by the matrices. He said the town is already working on several of the suggested projects. Larry spoke to the motivation that the master plan document gives to the board. Amber said that the parks committee is included in many of the matrices. The document gives that committee direction as to priorities. She also said the list helps with identifying grants that apply to the plan and that the town might apply for. Greg said the first few meetings focused on how the town could make more money. He feels that hydro electric is one way that could happen. He would like to see the town work with Holy Cross to explore this. He would also like to see more work on a sister city with Carerra. Mark added that the town should make a commitment to revisit this on a regular basis, perhaps quarterly as a special meeting. He suggested adding a line item in the budget for some of the issues to keep them in front of the board. Angus added that the financial matrix could have other ideas come up. Connie suggested an umbrella/entity called the Center for the Arts. Ryan spoke to the need for volunteers to form and work on committees.

E. Set Date for Public Presentation – Ryan suggested including the MP in a town meeting or have a special meeting for the board to discuss the suggestions made tonight. The final suggestions would be given to Mark to plug into the document prior to a public presentation. Possible dates were discussed. It was decided to hold a public meeting on June 20, 6 p.m., at the fire station.

Ron said that this work does get into the future in Marble. The town will change and the work that the committee has done will influence change in policy and culture and results of the MP will be seen in the future. Dustin said that some of these have already been implemented and are in process. The board does not have to wait for the document to be 100% complete.

F. Adjourn – Dustin Wilkey made a motion to adjourn. Amber McMahill seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Langley