NMI/Starmet Re-use Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes  March 26, 2021

Consistent with the Town’s “Temporary Policy Directive and Guidelines for Public Meeting and Public Hearings conducted Via Remote Participation Due To Covid-19 State of Emergency,” this meeting was conducted as a Zoom meeting, and the public was invited to view the meeting.

PRESENT:
Members: Gary Kleiman, Paul Boehm, Jim Burns, Pam Rockwell, Karl Seidman
Others: Marcia Rasmussen, Director of Planning & Land Management Department (DPLM) Erin Stevens, Concord Public Information and Communication Manager Matt Johnson, liaison member of the Select Board

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am. Gary read the instructions for participation.

Review the comment matrix for the report. The committee discussed the final additions to the comment matrix. The comment matrix and the entire full text of the comments will be included in an annex to the report.

Review the report organization. The committee discussed the use of the words “redevelopment” and “reuse” in the report. Karl and Paul pointed out that the word “redevelopment” implies that a decision has already been made about what will be done at the site, and that is not the case. The committee will use the term “reuse” preferentially throughout the report. The report will only use the term “redevelopment” for actual development areas in the master plan concept and in references to examples of other superfund sites that have actually been redeveloped.

The 2015 Town meeting article that gave the Select Board the authority to take ownership of the 2229 Main Street site will be included in an annex to the report. Erin will update the captions to the figures and fix the reuse zone maps. Gary will add more details to the list of committee actions at the end of section 2 and will add better disclaimers about the schematic nature of the concept maps.

Paul developed a cover for the report that was well liked by the Committee. Marcia will add a title page and a listing of the names of members of the committee, and produce a PDF for Matt to proof read. Erin will post the latest version of the document after Matt proofs reads it.

Committee Process discussion. The report will be presented to the Select Board on April 12th as part of the regular meeting. Select Board meetings start at 4pm and generally run 2.5 hours. The Committee will try to have a 20 minute presentation and lots of time for questions. Matt will try and have an approximate start time for the committee presentation in the meeting.

Paul and Gary will develop a new slide deck for this presentation with backup slides for more details and send it out for review. Marcia or Erin will also send out a new notice pointing people to the report once it has been posted. The Committee will meet again on April 2nd at 8am to review the presentation. The document will be available by April 5th.

Paul pointed out that it has been a great adventure serving on the Committee. Gary asked about whether the Committee will meet again after the report is presented on April 2nd, and Matt confirmed that the Committee was formed to create the report, so the Committee is done once the report is presented. Matt requested that next steps, such as creating another committee and risk
communication need to be mentioned in the presentation. Paul mentioned that planning for the 2229 Main Street site needs to be coordinated with other planning, like the middle school planning. Matt pointed out that the question of who will carry on the planning will be part of the Select Board agenda.

Accept Minutes from March 5. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes from March 5 as amended, Jim seconded it, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Next meeting: Friday, April 2.
Gary adjourned the meeting at 8:56am.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Rockwell, Clerk