

MRVPD LOT Subcommittee Minutes DRAFT

October 7, 2019

Waitsfield Town Office, 1 p.m.

Members Attending: Bob Ackland, Peter MacLaren, Jared Cadwell, Don Simonini, Darryl Forrest

Public Attending: Mike Noble (Noble Inc.), Tony Italiano (MRV TV)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.
- 2) Change in agenda to recognize approval of August 21, 2019 minutes (August 1 minutes had been previously approved)
- 3) Minutes of August 21, 2019 Approved
- 4) Check-ins from Committee members: Warren SB (Bob A.) and Fayston SB (Jared C.) reminded folks that their reviews of proposed LOT MOU are completed and they are waiting on Waitsfield SB's action. Jared C. re-iterated self-governance initiatives at the State House and that MRV LOT dovetails with these efforts. Peter M. reports that the Chamber board has adopted a constructive position on the LOT – not explicitly in favor – but favors the MRVPD's efforts to develop concrete plans to re-vitalize the Valley's economy. He also reported that recently hired (June) Chamber Eric Friedman is doing a great job reaching out to current and prospective members of the Chamber. Darryl F. explained where the Waitsfield SB is at regarding both the charter adoption (vote at March 2020 Town Meeting) and MOU review.
- 5) Formal action on timing of the LOT vote: Motion made by Peter M and seconded by Don S. to establish November 3, 2020 as the target date for the three MRV towns vote on a Valley wide LOT. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 6) Communications: Mike N. updated the committee on his group's work on LOT education. Bob A. will be meeting with Mike and his team to further refine research and publicity efforts. Build a drumbeat of education and "normalize" the conversation about the value/benefit of a LOT. Mike and his team will report back to the Committee on October 21.
- 7) Housing Coalition: Don S., Bob A. and Peter M. each addressed importance of affordable housing as part of long term health of the Valley. It will be a major topic at the Valley Leadership Summit to be held on Thursday, November 21, 6:30 p.m. Waitsfield School.
- 8) Meeting schedule: Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 21, 1 p.m. at Waitsfield Town Office.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jared Cadwell