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Joe et al.,

Thanks for your comments, Joe! With 50 audience members, some very interesting build out visuals, and a lot of interesting discussion and positive feedback, I think the Village Visualization presentation went really well. Kudos to the Village Steering Committee and our consultant team at T.J. Boyle Associates!

I'll be at the February 18 Selectboard meeting, if you and the Selectboard want to briefly discuss the visualization presentation and project. The project team still needs to "debrief" from last night's presentation, so rather than a formal memo, please see below for some answers to your questions and some context. Feel free to include this in the Selectboard meeting packet if you like.

The project team is working on follow up outreach to the community based on last night's Visualization presentation. It will be on VCAM. We will post some of the presentation material on the Town website. We are discussing the possibility of an on-line survey. We will need some time to pull all this together, but rest assured, I'll be getting the word out soon. As you know, feedback is always welcome here at the Town Office as well as at follow up VSC meetings. With all that said, this project was originally envisioned (as reflected in our grant agreement and the contract with the consultant) with last night's public presentation, a final report, and web materials from the consultant as the culmination of the project.

That's just the short term picture. In the longer term, we did this project in part to help prepare us to make a Growth Center Designation application to the State of Vermont. Just as we got a State planning grant for the visualization project, we also were successful in getting a State planning grant for our Growth Center Designation application project. Per the Planning & Zoning Department work plan, the Growth Center Designation project will kick off in June. That process will include more community outreach, landowner consultations, and public hearings. That process will also delve deeply into fiscal projections, both in terms of future public infrastructure and services, as well as increases in property tax revenue generation. Previous planning projects have provided us with a lot of information about stormwater runoff dynamics in the village growth area, and I plan to utilize these to push the stormwater infrastructure dialogue further as part of the Growth Center Designation work. In other words, we do have a larger plan to continue this work and to engage the community on the future of the village growth area.

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