



**Chesterfield Select Board Meeting with MVP Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Town Office Building - 422 Main Road**

Mr. Fuller called the Select Board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Select Board Members Present: Roger Fuller, Trish Colson-Montgomery and Don Willard

Town Administrator Present: Brenda Lessard

Public Officials Present: Larry Cervelli, Joe Gazillo, and Larry Holmberg, MVP Executive Committee

General Public Present: Dave Christopolis, Hilltown Community Development Corp. (HCDC)

Recorder of Minutes: Brenda Lessard

Mr. Cervelli and Mr. Gazillo requested this meeting with the Select Board. They reported they had a meeting on August 1 with Oleander Stone. Ms Colson-Montgomery, Dave Christopolis and Mr. Holmberg were also at that ZOOM meeting.

One of the items they discussed was that the MVP Action Grant needed more clarification for the State. The MVP 2.0 Grant has been awarded to the Town of Chesterfield with \$45,000 being available right away and an additional \$50,000 being awarded after the completion of Task #6. Mr. Christopolis explained that \$24,300 goes to a vendor that the Town chooses. HCDC or PVPC may be one of the vendors.

Another item that was discussed was the creation of the MVP Executive Committee. The proposed members of the MVP Executive Committee are Joe Gazillo, Larry Cervelli, Trish Colson-Montgomery and Larry Holmberg. Dave Cristopolis will not be a part of the Executive Committee.

The group decided to change the structure of the sub-committees to working groups. The Open Meeting Law does not apply to working groups. One member from each of the working groups would become members of the MVP Steering Committee and bring forward information from the working groups.

Another item that was brought forward was the possibility of a stipend for the MVP Executive Committee. The particulars have not been worked out yet. There is an allowance for stipends in the grants. The MVP2.0 grant has more administrative duties than the MVP Action grant.

Ms Colson-Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously voted to sign the MVP 2.0 Grant contract.

There was further discussion about climate change and affected groups in the Town. The senior population is the most affected group. The grant will address climate resilience. Ms Colson-Montgomery noted that the MVP 2.0 Grant is a pilot program and the State does not want it to fail. It was noted that the MVP Action Grant will include a review of the Town's infrastructure. Mr. Cervelli noted that the two grants can work concurrently with each other. Mr. Holmberg opined that community engagement and a communication system would be a benefit for the Town. There are numerous tasks that must be completed and deliverables given to the state office that monitors

the grant activity. Mr. Holmberg noted that under a federal contract , the Town cannot hire the PVPC but under state guidelines they can be hired.

Motion made by Mr. Willard and seconded by Mr. Fuller to have Larry Cervelli, Trish Colson-Montgomery, Joe Gazillo and Larry Holmberg be a signatory for the MVP grants. The motion was unanimously voted.

Ms Colson-Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Willard and unanimously voted to have a MVP Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.