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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Selectboard
Steve Ellis, Town Administrator
Walter Ramsey, Assistant Town Administrator**
FROM: Planning Board
RE: Planning Board Recommendation: Montague Village Center Study
DATE: April 22, 2024

At its April 2, 2024 meeting, the Planning Board reviewed the final report to the Montague City Village Study. Planning Board members sitting are: Ron Sicard, Chair, Liz Irving, Samuel Guerin, George Cooke, Bob Obear.

The project consultant, Luke Mitchell of VHB presented slides reviewing the project’s planning process, community engagement and outreach, report findings, and development strategies for consideration.

Town Planner Maureen Pollock informed the Board that after receiving the final report, she reached out to local, regional, and state stakeholders for additional feedback. Based on the report’s findings and recommendations; and additional feedback, the Planning Department provides additional recommendations for the Town to consider in order to redevelop the former Farren Care Center site, located at 330-340 Montague City Road. (see enclosed Planning Dept Memorandum)

After the presentation, the Planning Board discussed the report’s findings and development strategies, as well as, the Planning Department’s additional recommendations.

After Board discussion, the Planning Board chair opened it up to public comments.

- MOTION:** Moved by Elizabeth Irving to conduct the following steps in order to pursue possible redevelopment options at the former Farren Care Center site, located at 330-340 Montague City Road
1. establish a working committee to focus on redevelopment of the site and hire a development consultant for assistance;
 2. explore possible zoning amendments necessary to re-develop the parcel in support of residential and non-residential uses on the site. Possible zoning amendments may include, but not limited to: permitted uses, dimensional regulations, and design standards.

Seconded by Samuel Guerin. No discussion

Roll call Vote:

Ron Sicard, Chair	AYE	Bob Obear	AYE
Elizabeth Irving	AYE	Samuel Guerin	AYE
George Cooke	AYE		

For more info about the Montague City Village Center Study, please visit:

- Project Page: <https://montague-ma.gov/p/1531/>
- Final Report : https://montague-ma.gov/files/Montague_City_Village_Center_REPORT_2024_0308.pdf
- April 2, 2024 Planning Board meeting recording: <https://vimeo.com/930243426>