



# TOWN OF MALTA

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## Town of Malta Comprehensive Master Plan Update

Committee Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Attendees: Chairman Chris Morrell, Cynthia Young, Yates Scott Lansing, Shelley Nagle, Joyce Soltis, Ted Willett, David Wallingford, Jaime O'Neill, Alyssa Benway, and Floria Huizinga.

Chairman Morrell opened the meeting at 6:34 pm.

### Presentations:

Paul Perreault, Town Historian, recommended the several updates and addition be made to the current Master Plan including updated Table VI-4 (historic sites and structures) to reflect current inventory of historical structures. A few structures no longer exist and other have been added. Mr. Perreault will provide the Planning Department with a revised Table VI-4. Mr. Perreault also recommended that language be updated such as replacing "Indian" with "Native American." He also recommended the Town consider adopting a Historical Preservation tax breaks.

Malta-Stillwater EMS, Scott Skinner, discussed the need for adequate access to buildings, curb cuts, elevator sizing to allow for stretchers and personnel. EMS would also like to receive copies of planning board applications for review. Planning staff agreed to include EMS in the distribution of materials and also advise Mr. Skinner he is welcome to contact the planning department at any time with concerns or questions about projects under review.

Malta Ridge Fire Department, Pete Shaw, Chief, discussed required road specification for fire truck access, turn a rounds, and the need for access to all four sides of commercial/multi-family structures. He noted that existing property owners are working with the fire departments to make improvements. The fire departments also made the following recommendations:

- All new residential structures install sprinkler systems.
- All commercial buildings to have sprinkler systems
- Avoid naming streets/roads with similar names within the town and adjacent towns.
- New construction to use non-combustible building materials
- Identification of buildings to large enough to be read the street, numbers should be lighted or stand out.
- Encourage town and private employees to become volunteer fire fighters.
- Discourage raised boulevards
- Fire hydrant flow rates. Saratoga Water Services (SWS) hydrants are intended for municipal potable water not fire suppression. SWS does allow the fire department to use hydrants for fire protection.

Round Lake Fire Department, Ed Cameron, Assistant Chief discussed the need for fire hydrant standards, ie. height, sprinkler systems, access to knox boxes (make sure that keys are current).

Chairman Morell asked the planning department to expand on the Form Based Code and how it is came to be in the Town of Malta. Discussion was had about build to lines, transparency, offsets and downtown walkability.

Upcoming:

Chazen Companies, consultants for the Town, will present buildout analysis for Malta at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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