

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer
Date: July 17, 2024
Agenda Item: Historic Preservation Work Session



REQUEST:

Council and HPC to review and consider a variety of options to find value in both economic viability and the maintaining of the historic character of Minturn's downtown block. Council to provide direction to staff during the Discussion/Direction portion of the regular.

INTRODUCTION:

Clarity is needed regarding the town's historic preservation policy and its impacts on stakeholders. Impacts Include but are not limited to property valuation, downtown vitality, economic viability, construction timelines associated with historic preservation approvals.

The historic preservation policy was initiated after the public sought a process whereby a property owner would not be allowed to demolish certain structures within town. When the policy was originally implemented it was understood the historic preservation code would be a "work in progress" and require additional modifications to best suit the needs of the community. Staff now seeks direction from the Council regarding potential modifications to the historic preservation code to ensure both economic vitality and community history can be simultaneously valued and achieved in Minturn's downtown core.

ANALYSIS:

The Town is seeking ways to simplify the Historic Preservation code, find flexibility in the desire to allow property owners of historically designated structures to do more with their structures with fewer processes. The community has expressed a desire to maintain a human-scale in the downtown area which supports many of Minturn's older structures, but to make these structures viable in today's economic market, Minturn looks to consider implementation of options which provide flexibility on how historic structure property owners may utilize their properties.

COMMUNITY INPUT: Extensive including community surveys and plans. The community is encouraged to comment during the Discussion/Direction portion of the regular Council meeting.

BUDGET / STAFF IMPACT: Unknown

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: In accordance with Strategy #4 the Town will advance decisions/projects/initiatives that expand future opportunity and viability for Minturn.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: Provide direction to staff during the Discussion/Direction portion of the regular meeting for modifications to the historic preservation policy.

Attachments:

- Work Session Presentation
- Council Member Rodine comments