

*Town of York ~ Village Revitalization Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ May 24, 2018
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room*

Present: Toni DeSoto, Chris Hartwell, Dean Lessard, Bill Lord, Ron McAllister, Pete Smith

Absent: Stephen Carr, Stu Dawson, Brent Drennan, Mike Estes, Dan Poulin, Don Rose, Dylan Smith

Guest:

1. Chris Hartwell called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. Meeting minutes for April 19th were approved with a minor revision to item #9.
3. Dean reported to the group that Kittery was awarded all of the KACTS funding for 2021. As a result, phase two of our project will be pushed out at least one more year. Phase one of our project is still viable and should proceed as planned in 2020. We should be thankful that York has obtained KACTS funding for the last three years.
4. Dean was not able to provide an update on the status of engineering design as he has been focusing for the last month on completion of the Long Sands beach bathhouse and related roadway and sidewalk upgrades.
5. Chris explained that she has been working on a report from our committee to the Board of Selectmen which will include a map defining the priority of utility poles in the village that the committee hopes to eliminate by moving the wires underground. Four groupings have been identified based the sequence of importance to poles and wires be eliminated. The group expressed their desire that enough funding could be obtained to remove the first and second group (the inner village area and down York Street to Parish Lane).
6. The BoS report will also include information about the improved number of street-side parking spaces that Dean has identified and where we stand on funding.
7. Several members pointed out that making an oral report at the BoS meeting provides updated information to the public that typically never sees the written report.
8. Chris noted that a few committee members have missed several recent meetings and are at risk of been dismissed from the committee. Chris will follow up with them.
9. Ron reported that a citizen has expressed concern about the availability of our agenda and meeting minutes to the public. Chris and Pete will assure any important committee documents are made available on the town website.
10. Our next regular meeting will be at 10:00am on Thursday, June 21st at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary