

*Town of York ~ Village Revitalization Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ July 19, 2018
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room*

Present: Stu Dawson, Toni DeSoto, Brent Drennan, Chris Hartwell, Dean Lessard, Bill Lord,
Ron McAllister, Dan Poulin, Pete Smith

Absent: Stephen Carr, Mike Estes, Don Rose, Dylan Smith

Guest: Leah Drennan

1. Committee Chair, Chris Hartwell called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.
2. Meeting minutes for June 21st were approved with a revision to item #6 correcting the description of phase one boundaries to read "from the First Parish Church Parish House along York Street to Hospital Drive."
3. Dean reported feedback from Maine DoT regarding concerns that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) had with our plan to move the monument. It came from a new DoT environmental employee who didn't clearly understand the details behind our plan. Regina will contact that person in an attempt to resolve the issue.
4. Chris noted that, once again, we will have a booth at the 2018 MarketFest on September 22nd. She asked for thoughts on what questions/concerns to expect from attendees and also for ideas on what to display at the booth. Some thought that people would want to know when they would be seeing work begin and where it would occur during phase one. Another issue would be what the impact on parking will be. Bill suggested that we could display a list of frequently asked questions. Brent pointed out that these questions should be carefully "wordsmithed" and Bill subsequently asked him to help to do so.
5. The group discussed the potential for any "workgroup" activity to be taken on at this time. It appears that we will have to wait until closer to the start of phase one construction. We could begin some work on a limited amount of signage this fall. We need to avoid placing any new signs that would have to be replaced or relocated as a result of construction.
6. The group also discussed the future need for funding things that are not included in the Master Plan construction budget such as benches, bike racks, brick walks, landscaping, etc. It's possible that brick sidewalks may be funded by the DoT if they can be convinced that we are upgrading a "historic district."
7. Pete informed the group that the library will be replacing the slate roof due to material failures and continued leaks. Given that the library is a landmark in the village, it's very likely to generate significant public opinion.
8. Our next regular meeting will be at 4:00pm on Thursday, August 16th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary