

Town of York ~ Village Revitalization Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ October 18, 2018
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room

Present: Stephen Carr, Toni DeSoto, Mike Estes, Chris Hartwell, Dean Lessard, Bill Lord,
Ron McAllister, Dan Poulin, Dylan Smith, Pete Smith

Absent: Brent Drennan

Guest: Leah Drennan

1. Committee Chair, Chris Hartwell called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.
2. Meeting minutes for September 20th were approved as written.
3. Chris noted that Stu Dawson has officially resigned from the committee. She has invited him to remain as an "emeritus member" but he has not yet accepted the offer. She will be notifying the BoS that we have an opening on our committee.
4. Chris explained her plan to formally present our annual committee report from June to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, October 22nd. At that meeting, Dean will be requesting release of \$50k from the remaining design funds to cover utility company charges for them to provide estimates to place electrical utilities underground. He will also be presenting his latest design for additional on-street parking spaces.
5. Dean explained that doing the study to get these estimates soon is critical to being able to include underground utilities in the overall project. If we will be asking for additional funding to do so, we need real numbers to bring to the request to voters next May.
6. Dean noted that we are getting ready to submit the final design report to Maine DoT. Once they approve it, we begin working on final plans for Phase 1. That's when DoT starts looking at right-of-way issues, etc. We're looking to go out for bids during the winter of 2019-2020 and start work in the spring of 2020.
7. Dylan pointed out that the HDC must approve the village plan before it can move forward.
8. Mike stated that he still thinks a left-turn lane is needed at the intersection of York Street and Lindsay Road westbound to eliminate the cause of significant traffic back-ups in the village. Dean noted that previous DoT traffic counts don't indicate the need for a left-turn pocket at that location and furthermore, he has heard stories that the town or HDC previously refused to consider the idea. In addition, installing a protected left-turn pocket would require reduction of nine on-street parking spaces.
9. Leah asked about plans for the bike lane as it passes in front of town hall and the church if new parking spaces or a left turn lane is installed at the Lindsay Road intersection. Dean explained that the way the "sharro" lane will be designed, vehicles should not be shifting to the right into cyclists.
10. Chris showed the group a poster design she will bring to the BoS meeting which has photos of the village "with" and "without" the utility poles and wires. She hopes to set it on an easel in the lobby so people can view it before the meeting.
11. Those who managed our booth at MarketFest noted that the public response to our revitalization plan was very positive overall.
12. The group discussed the scheduling of future meetings and decided to skip November and December.
13. Our next regular meeting will be at 4:00pm on Thursday, January 17th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

Respectfully submitted, Peter Smith, Secretary