

***Town of York ~ Village Study Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ August 20, 2015
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room***

Present: Ron McAllister, Stu Dawson, Gloria Gustafson, Chris Hartwell, Dean Lessard,
Dylan Smith, Pete Smith, Lew Stowe

Absent: Toni DeSoto, Joel Lefever, Jodi Merrill, Robert Palmer, Scott Stevens

Guests:

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:34am.
2. Meeting minutes for August 6th were approved as amended.
3. Ron announced that Jodi Merrill has notified him that she won't be able to continue as a member of our committee. Ron will approach Steve Pelletier to see who might be able to replace her.
4. Ron also announced that he, Dylan and Dean met with Steve Burns to discuss how the KATCS funding process will impact capital planning for the town. Alternate plans and costs for placing electric utilities underground were a significant part of that discussion.
5. Ron updated the group on the "project launch" when all of the principal consultants were here in town to meet with Dean and Dylan and to walk the village. During that visit they spent a lot of time talking about "horizontal alignment." This is typically one of the first steps in design which addresses to location of roadways, radii of curves, lane widths, related sidewalks and other public spaces. They also discussed the overall scope of phase one.
6. Stu explained his desire that the roadways be designed to maximize pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and safety by reducing vehicle lane widths and legal speed, etc.
7. Ron noted that Regina wants to arrange the first of four "stakeholder" meetings for as many local residents, local property owners, business leaders, town & school leaders, veterans groups, and non-profit organizations as possible. She will be presenting initial schematic design results and soliciting public feedback. After much discussion and several suggestions, the group decided to schedule the meeting for Thursday, October 29th at 5:00pm.
8. Chris asked for clarification of the Comprehensive Plan and how it relates to the Master Plan. Dylan and Lew explained that it documents town policies and overarching goals which provide guidance to all town officials, administrators, boards, and committees as they implement programs.
9. Ron asked for suggestions related to our booth at this year's Marketfest. We should have a poster and materials to hand out promoting an affirmative vote on the warrant to incorporate the Master Plan into the Comprehensive Plan at the November ballot. Dean suggested also having a poster explaining the KATCS funding plan and schedule.
10. Dylan pointed out that the Planning Board will be taking preference votes at their next meeting on proposed Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan amendments which will appear on at the November 7th ballot. The Select Board will be doing the same at their next meeting.
11. Our next regular meeting will be at 8:30am on Thursday, September 3rd in the Wheeler Room at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary