

***Town of York ~ Village Study Committee  
Meeting Minutes ~ June 2, 2016  
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room***

***Present:*** Ron McAllister, Stu Dawson, Toni DeSoto, Gloria Gustafson, Chris Hartwell, Joel Lefever,  
Robert Palmer, Dylan Smith, Pete Smith, Scott Stevens, Lew Stowe

***Absent:*** Dean Lessard, Steve Pelletier

***Guest:*** David Chase, Ted Little

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
2. Meeting minutes for May 19<sup>th</sup> were approved with one minor revision.
3. Ron opened the meeting with the good news that Article #60 passed with 1,970 "yes" votes (54.8%) vs. 1,658 "no" votes (45.2%). That means there were 342 more "yes" than "no" votes - a difference of 21%.
4. The group discussed the reaction of the "Save our Statue" group to the voting result on Article #60. There's a perception that their opposition will persist and that they will be looking for ways to interrupt implementation of the Master Plan going forward.
5. David Chase expressed his concern about the difficulty of obtaining voters approval for relocating the electric utilities below ground. He also warned the group to be ready for people to be unhappy as the project proceeds.... unhappy that it hasn't started already, unhappy that implementation will be phased, unhappy that more money will be needed to get rid of the poles and wires, etc.....
6. Chris distributed a first draft copy of a charter for the proposed Village Revitalization Committee (VRC) which will be presented to the BoS as our recommendation in support of the future implementation of the Master Plan. The primary role of this committee would be advisory, oversight, community outreach and communication (much like a traditional town building committee).
7. Among other things, this new committee will undoubtedly be focused on utilities, parking, landscaping and streetscape issues as the project moves forward.
8. It was noted that we need a status update from the design consultants (Regina). Among other things, we need more visuals depicting design characteristics and the look of anticipated physical changes.
9. Dean, Dylan and Ron will be getting together to prepare a "Request for Action" form to present to the Town Manager along with our proposed charter.
10. The group working on the proposed charter (Chris, Ron, Dylan, Pete and Toni) will have its final draft available for review and approval at our next meeting.
11. Ron suggested that we may not need to meet during July, but that decision will have to be made at our next meeting.
12. Gloria noted that if we want to appeal for a grant from the Wheeler Trust, we have to do it before the end of their fiscal year.
13. Our next regular meeting will be at 8:30am on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am  
Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary