

***Town of York ~ Village Study Committee  
Meeting Minutes ~ September 8, 2016  
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room***

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

***Absent:*** Stu Dawson

***Guest:*** David Chase, Regina Leonard

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
2. Meeting minutes for August 4<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.
3. Ron announced that the town now has a signed administrative agreement with MDoT that is entitled "Cooperative Agreement - Project Assistance for Development of the York Village Revitalization Project." This means that the project can now officially move forward.
4. Regina noted that the project engineering design kickoff meeting is scheduled for next week. This meeting will address process and responsibility issues. Following that, her group will be able to start work on refining all of the construction design details.
5. Dean described encouraging conversations that he has been having with Gene Landry of the MDoT regarding "DTI" funds which York may be able to obtain in the relatively near future.
6. Regina expressed her appreciation for Dean's attendance at the MDoT abutters meeting and specifically his stepping up to rebut and correct some of the incorrect information brought forth by certain project opponents. Overall, the meeting was necessary and very useful to help "clear the air."
7. Ron called the groups attention to the committee's "Final Report" to the Selectmen which he had drafted and sent out the committee members for review. He has received some suggested updates and asked if there were any more as the report will be presented at the next BoS meeting and he wanted to finish it ASAP. Chris offered several additional changes and then the group spent a significant amount of time working together to refine her ideas and to tighten and strengthen the rest of the information contained in the report.
8. Regina recommended that the ongoing committee consider setting up a Parking Subcommittee to focus on all of the concerns and potential solutions to parking issues.
9. Robert noted that his plan for the upcoming BoS meeting is to introduce Ron and acknowledge all of the members of the committee and others in the community that provided support for the committee over the last five years. Ron plans to introduce the report and answer any questions.
10. Dean showed the group samples of several signs that his department could prepare by designing the content of the sign and sending it to 3M who would create an adhesive "film" that he would then be able apply to an appropriate metal backing. The group was very impressed by the idea and urged Dean to proceed with his plans.
11. Ron declared the committee as adjourned for the final time at 10:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Smith, Secretary