

***Town of York ~ Village Study Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ July 19, 2013
Grant House***

Present: Ron McAllister, Antonia DeSoto, Dawn Fernald, Gloria Gustafson, Christine Grimando, Joel Lefever, Scott Stevens, Pete Smith, Dean Lessard, Ron Nowell

Absent: Stu Dawson, Lew Stowe

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:35am.
2. A motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 12, 2013 passed.
3. The committee began by continuing their effort to reduce the design options. After discussion of difficulties that each person had rating the six options on the "Committee Worksheet" the group agreed to change the survey to focus on key elements instead.
4. Ron offered to design a new survey "ballot" for the group to review at the next meeting.
5. Ron informed the committee that he had discussed funding for professional design and engineering support with Rob Yandow and Dean Lessard. Rob plans to bring the issue to the Board of Selectmen.
6. The group discussed the relative skills of Todd Richardson and CLD as potential sources of professional support in respect to the level creativity versus the level of detail needed at this point in the process.
7. The group reviewed ideas related to establishing a project website and concerns about utilizing the town's website to do so. Ron told the committee about a web developer named Chris Hartwell who will be joining the meeting shortly. She owns the web address "yorkvillage.com" and would be willing to sell it to the committee for \$15.00.
8. Dean explained the history and current status of village roadway "rights of way" that he was able to determine from a brief investigation of county and state records.
9. Ron introduced Chris Hartwell who reviewed various options for establishing a website, both dependent and independent of the town website. She explained the process for setting up an independent site and offered her suggestions for function, content and links to external applications. It's estimated the website would cost about \$1,000/year.
10. Ron explained our outreach strategy to Mr. Nowell who expressed concern about how citizens without computers will be informed.
11. Mr. Nowell confirmed that he is now the BOS representative too our committee and he also explained the best way to interact with the BOS going forward.
12. Ron announced that the next meeting is scheduled for 8:30am on Friday, August 2nd at the York public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary