

*Town of York ~ Village Study Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ March 21, 2014
York Public Library*

Present: Ron McAllister, Stu Dawson, Christine Grimando, Gloria Gustafson,
Joel Lefever, Dean Lessard, Pete Smith, Scott Stevens, Lew Stowe

Absent: Antonia DeSoto, Dawn Fernald, Ron Nowell, Rob Yandow

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
2. Ron informed the committee that two of our members are resigning. Christine Grimando is leaving to take a new position as Senior Planner for the city of Portland. Dawn Fernald is leaving to take a new position as Director of Marketing and Community Relations for Wentworth Douglass Hospital in Dover, NH. Congratulations to both of them... they will be sorely missed and difficult to replace.
3. Meeting minutes for February 21st were approved as is.
4. Christine provided a status update of our RFQ process. She shared new maps and aerial photographs that will be used for expanded planning of the Eastern side of the village. She pointed out the large lot between York Street and Woodbridge Road that runs from the rear of the library most of the way to Moulton Lane. It has a lot of wetland, but might lend itself to new pedestrian walkways.
5. Dean speculated that such new walkways might someday connect with Fishermans Walk and the whole Wiggely Bridge to Cliff Walk network. Gloria noted that the owner of this land has considered the possibility of erecting a parking garage in one section along Woodbridge Road.
6. During the absence of a Town Planner on our committee, Stu agreed to be responsible for securing and maintaining all of our working drawings.
7. It was pointed out that, to facilitate many of our ideas, zoning changes in the village are badly needed. At this point, notwithstanding a specific landowner request, there are no plans to address zoning in the village. Joel suggested that our committee could recommend zoning changes to the Planning Board. Christine proposed that they should be similar to recent zoning changes at York Beach.
8. Ron explained that he has drafted an interim report to the BOS and he will include our plans to work on conceptual planning beyond the boundaries of the two-minute village in that report. At Ron's request, several modifications and additions to the report were suggested. The group focused on assuring that the RFQ process and subsequent vendor selection is clearly understood by the BOS.
9. Scott reported that the PSA video filming has been completed and we're expecting the recording to be delivered by the videographer very soon.
10. The group agreed to send VSC agendas and minutes directly to every member of the BOS in an effort to improve inter-board communications.
11. Our next meeting will be at 8:30 am on Friday, April 18th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary