

***Town of York ~ Village Study Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ August 21, 2014
York Public Library – Wheeler Room***

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

Absent: Jody Merrill, Scott Stevens, Rob Yandow

Guest: Dustin Morrill – LinePro
Dave McCarthy – Cycle York

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.
2. Meeting minutes for August 7th were approved after correcting a minor spelling error.
3. Ron altered the agenda to allow Dustin (LinePro) to present the latest draft of his survey drawings for committee review prior to discussing new business. Committee members offered several suggestions for additional notations and minor clarifications on the survey drawings. It was noted that Dustin was unable to locate existing documentation for various rights-of-way.
4. Stu and Dean agreed to act as a short-term subcommittee tasked with performing a final, detailed review of the survey results. Dustin agreed to send digital copies of the final survey drawings to Dean and also to TDRC.
5. Ron introduced Dave McCarthy of Cycle York to explain their activities and to review a map of existing trails within the town. They are looking at an idea to identify “nodes” that would provide connections from one popular location to another. Ron pointed out that we are focusing on how to get cyclists and pedestrians through the village safely and conveniently. Dave described specific difficult and dangerous cycling spots within the village which he hopes will be improved. He pointed out that we should try to avoid forcing cyclists to make left turns while in roadways.
6. Joel described documents that he found in some locked file cabinets located in the basement of one of the historical society’s buildings. He offered to make photocopies of some of the documents that relate to the Cliff Walk and other trails.
7. The group discussed plans for the upcoming joint meeting with the Planning Board on August 28th. The primary issue should be redefining zoning within the village. How many zones? What approach? (form-based vs. use-based, etc.) What specific criteria would facilitate our overall objectives?
8. Dylan pointed out that we need to wait until the public outreach process scheduled for this fall before we address those types of issues. The group agreed and decided to simply inform the Planning Board about our current activities, our immediate plans working with TDRC, and to ask for their suggestions on how they can help us as we continue with the process.
9. Ron proposed that we consider reinstating subcommittees to focus on specific issues that have been identified, such as marketing “buzz,” a new logo and slogan, economic development, and outreach to stakeholders to generate an audience for upcoming TDRC events. These subcommittees could include outside individuals with special skills or interest in the particular issue.
10. The “buzz” sub-committee will include Jodi, Chris, Gloria and Toni. As noted above, the survey review sub-committee will consist of Stu and Dean.

11. Robert explained his concept of “economic development” for York Village. Joel suggested that we might look for assistance from Jim Fitzgerald, who is a local entrepreneur with significant experience in economic development.
12. Our next regular meeting will be at 8:30am on Thursday, September 4th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary