

*Town of York ~ Village Study Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ July 16, 2015
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room*

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

Absent: Gloria Gustafson, Chris Hartwell, Jodi Merrill, Scott Stevens

Guests:

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:38am.
2. There were no meeting minutes available for review.
3. The committee discussed the Board of Selectmen's concerns regarding anticipated costs for our project going forward and agreed that they need to look for every opportunity to reduce costs and obtain non-municipal funding.
4. Dean reviewed the status of state and federal funding opportunities over the next few years. It looks likely that 90% of the construction costs could ultimately be funded from the Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation Center (KACTC). He and Dylan represent York as voting members of the organization that oversees KACTC funding.
5. Dean further explained how project construction could be approached in phases in order to spread the need for funding over a longer period of time. Of course, that also spreads the pain of construction impacts in the community over a long period of time ***and would increase the cost of both professional fees and construction.***
6. Robert suggested that we take our ideas about phasing the construction and our expectations for KACTC funding and work with Deb McDermott to create a strong upbeat publicity story.
7. Funding for developing the parallel Zoning and Design Standards project also will be requested from the BoS. We need to work with Denis to assure that his consulting fee for supporting this effort will be minimal.
8. Ron pointed out that we should remember that TDRC is not a "company." As we go forward we should recognize we are working with individual members of the collaborative and not "TDRC."
9. After discussion, the group agreed that we should work with Rodney Lynch to in our attempts to obtain additional grant funding.
10. Our next regular meeting will be at 8:30am on Thursday, August 3rd in the Wheeler Room at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary