

***Town of York ~ Village Study Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ October 1, 2015
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room***

Present: Ron McAllister, Toni DeSoto, Gloria Gustafson, Chris Hartwell, Robert Palmer,
Steve Pelletier, Pete Smith, Scott Stevens

Absent: Stu Dawson, Joel Lefever, Dean Lessard, Dylan Smith, Lew Stowe

Guests:

1. Chairman Ron McAllister called the meeting to order at 8:38am.
2. Meeting minutes for September 17th were approved as written.
3. Ron shared that he had talked with Regina and she was pleased with the results of her meeting with York public safety officials.
4. Ron also reported on a meeting that he, Dean and Regina had with Maine DOT officials. They (DOT) suggested that we might not want to seek federal funding because it is likely to require a complex bureaucratic process and we might fail to get National Historic regulatory approval to move the monument. The DOT traffic guru's will also be looking more closely at the road configuration and traffic issues at the York Street/Long Sands Road intersection.
5. Scott offered to reach out to people he knows who are familiar with National Historic regulations and who might be able to advise us on the next best steps. He hopes to have information for us at our next meeting.
6. Robert expressed concern about how these regulatory and funding issues might impact the town's capital budgeting process for 2016 which is currently underway. He also noted that we need to be able to control the conversation around town regarding our funding going forward.
7. Chris noted that she has been assisting Regina with notifications and invitations for the upcoming stakeholder outreach meeting on October 29th. Toni plans to personally visit many of the invitee's to encourage their participation.
8. Chris described planning details for our booth at the upcoming MarketFest. We still need some volunteers to fill three empty time slots on the schedule.
9. Pete reviewed the activities and current status of the Village Zoning Subcommittee. They have defined the village boundaries as well as allowed and prohibited uses, and are currently working on dimensions (setbacks, etc.). The goal is to place ordinance amendments on the May, 2016 ballot.
10. Steve expressed concern about how the ordinances will address parking within the village area. The Master Plan has addressed street parking and options for off-street parking. Future village ordinance amendments will address parking requirements and constraints for private property.
11. Steve asked if there has been any attempt to poll visitors and/or residents about their experience finding parking in the village. No one is aware of any such poll.
12. The idea of "paid" parking in the village was discussed, but didn't get a very positive response.
13. Our next regular meeting will be at 8:30am on Thursday, October 15th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36am

***Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary***