

***Town of York ~ Village Revitalization Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ May 19, 2017
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room***

Present: Chris Hartwell, Toni DeSoto, Brent Drennan, Dean Lessard, Bill Lord, Ron McAllister,
Dan Poulin Don Rose, Dylan Smith, Pete Smith

Absent: Stephen Carr, Stu Dawson, Robert Palmer

Guest: Leah Drennan

1. Chris Hartwell called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.
2. Meeting minutes for April 12th were approved with one minor revision.
3. Dean reported on the status of our KATCS funding. We currently have access to \$545,000 and expect to be approved for an additional \$795,000 for 2019-20. He also informed the group that Dylan is now the KATCS chair.
4. Chris has received copies of the Preliminary Design documents from Regina and will forward them to the members by email.
5. Dean informed the group that the total project cost has been projected at \$3,856,000. Neither a high-level project plan nor a project schedule is yet available.
6. Dean noted that he has asked CMP for a unit cost (\$ per foot) estimate for their portion of putting utilities underground. This will provide us with a "scalable" number to use for planning various options.
7. On behalf of the Funding workgroup, Ron reported the following:
 - ~ he has reached out to Paul Shumaker of SMPDC (Southern Maine Planning & Development)
 - ~ he also left a message for Matt Eddy regarding Kennebunk's use of TIFs to generate funding
 - ~ he thinks there may be some money left from the Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) grant that could pay for professional help with our fundraising efforts - the BOS would have to approve
 - ~ he is looking into whether AvanGrid (parent company of CMP) offers any funding opportunities.
8. Dylan added that perhaps we should reach out to the Economic Development Directors of Portsmouth and Portland Maine as well as Christine Grimando in the Portland Planning Department (ex York planner).
9. Leah reported that the Bike-Ped Committee is working on getting local artists to build some benches. She also reported that they hope to do a "tactical urbanism" exercise in mid-July.
10. Chris bypassed the Underground Utilities Workgroup status report as Stu was not present.
11. Dan reported for the Parking/Signage workgroup that "parking management" is not an easy idea for merchants and property owners to assimilate as they tend to believe that they need a lot more spaces. The workgroup plans to do interviews to gather data and then build a "demand inventory." During their visits they will ask for suggestions on alternate locations and get opinions on space/time limits.
12. Don Rose suggested that these interviews would provide a good opportunity to develop some FAQ's and answers. The process itself would provide an opportunity to gain "ownership" from the participants.
13. Our next regular meeting will be at 10:00am on Thursday, June22nd at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary