

*Town of York ~ Village Revitalization Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ September 21, 2017
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room*

Present: Stu Dawson, Brent Drennan, Mike Estes, Chris Hartwell, Dean Lessard, Bill Lord,
Ron McAllister, Dylan Smith,

Absent: Stephen Carr, Toni DeSoto, Dan Poulin, Don Rose, Pete Smith

Guest: Nancy Wright, Leah Drennan

1. Chris Hartwell called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.
2. Chris welcomed a guest, Nancy Wright, who expressed her concern that American flags that were flying in the village previously are no longer present. She had been referred to our committee in search of an answer for their absence and suggestions for having them replaced. Mike offered to ask the town manager to put the issue on the Board of Selectmen's meeting.
3. Meeting minutes for August 17th were approved as written.
4. Dean updated the group on the status of the project, noting that six different applications with increasing cost estimates were submitted to KACTS as additional funding requests. The idea is to provide an opportunity for one or more of these six applications to be approved within available funds. There are competing applications from Kittery and Eliot also being considered. Decisions will be made at the next KACTS meeting.
5. Dean reminded the group that the project is actually a Maine DoT project which they have agreed to let us administer. Decisions on how much to tackle initially and how to best plan the phases going forward are based primarily on the amount and timing of funds. Mike advised that the committee should take steps to inform the community about these funding and timing issues through a public relations effort.
6. Dean noted that the DoT has expressed concern that the cost of obtaining rights-of-way (RoW) are not included in the existing plan. He has determined that there are not any "permanent" RoWs which must be paid for. Any existing "prescriptive" RoWs can be enforced without cost. "Temporary" RoWs do not require payment to the owner. If there are any prescriptive RoWs that need to be "perfected," there could be a small cost.
7. The group discussed ideas for additional funding through grants or private endowments. These may be available for "finishing" elements such as bike racks, benches, landscaping, etc.
8. Talking points for the MarketFest booth include that we already have \$545k and just got approval for \$795k more from KACTS. We are currently in process of applying for additional 2020 KACTS funding. Everyone needs to know that it will be a phased effort and everything will be done to reduce interruption of village businesses.
9. MarketFest planning includes the tent, a table, folding chairs, display boards, and space for a bike/ped committee easel. Chris passed out samples of ballpoint pens with our logo that will be handed out to guests at the booth. She will have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in getting project updates or helping with a workgroup activity.
10. Our next regular meeting will be at 10:00am on Thursday, October 19th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary