

***Town of York ~ Village Revitalization Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes ~ April 19, 2018
York Public Library ~ Wheeler Room***

Present: Stephen Carr, Toni DeSoto, Mike Estes, Chris Hartwell, Dean Lessard, Bill Lord, Ron McAllister, Dan Poulin, Dylan Smith, Pete Smith

Absent: Stu Dawson, Brent Drennan, Don Rose

Guest: Leah Drennan

1. Chris Hartwell called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
2. Meeting minutes for March 15th were approved as written.
3. Dean confirmed Pete's assumption that it should be possible for us to develop a rough estimate for any given length of underground utilities because the utility companies will estimate the entire area of the project as we originally define it and their designs and estimates will be provided per linear foot of conduit or wire, manhole unit, square foot, etc. such that we can scale their estimates in any way we wish.
4. Dean noted that he met with Regina and gave her a copy of the village map showing our utility pole removal priorities. She intends to contact the utility companies to confirm that estimates they provided many months ago to cover the costs of providing engineering estimates for that effort are still valid. If so, we can then take that information to the BOS to request the funding to move that phase forward.
5. Dean suggested that the next step would be to present a project status report to the BOS which would include information about the potential for 30 to 40 additional on-street parking spaces which have been identified as well as a request for funding to move the underground utility issue forward.
6. Ron pointed out that the consultants concluded we don't have a parking problem, but rather we have a "parking management" problem. Mike added that he hopes we will be providing a parking management plan to the BOS in the future.
7. Dan asked if the increased identification of space to be used for parking has resulted in any push-back from the designers regarding landscaping improvements proposed in the master plan. Dean answered that Regina was a bit concerned, but agreed that she could make some adjustments to accommodate the changes.
8. Bill noted that he didn't see a left-turn lane identified on the latest drawings for York Street northbound at Lindsay Road. Dean said that, putting one there would depend on a traffic study showing at least 150 cars per hour turning left at that intersection. He will ask the consultants to take a look at those volumes to see if a left-turn lane would be justified. Doing so would impact some of the newly identified parking spaces.
9. Dean explained that he and Dylan attended a KACTS meeting on Wednesday at which he submitted our funding request for 2021. It was the first day that all towns brought forth their projects for 2021. There was one from Eliot, one from Berwick, and two from Kittery, all of which would compete for the available funds.
10. A discussion about the hospitals plan for the old church revealed that they will continue to "warehouse" it as they have done with the Fazio building. Bill suggested that under public pressure they might make improvements to it such as painting the exterior, etc.

Our next regular meeting will be at 10:00am on Thursday, May 24th at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary