

Town of North Yarmouth
EDSC Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 28, 2023
6:30PM – 8:00PM

Attendees:

MIDA Board Members:

Maureen Lucey
Byron Kern
Rich Parenteau
Eliza Bachelder
Julie Cabral
Grace Rote, acting secretary
~~Ian Acker~~
~~Alicia Destilio~~

Call to Order, The Pledge of Allegiance

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

- Motion to Approve – Eliza
- Second – Maureen

NEW BUSINESS

GPCOG Climate Action Plan

- Need for 1-2 Volunteers to be the EDSC representatives on the GPCOG
 - Eliza volunteers
 - Motion to Approve – Rich
 - Second – Byron

Committee Charge update – Sidewalk Plan

- Select Board has requested we write and submit a Charge
 - Rich proposed a Charge draft
 - Moe proposed a Charge draft
- Key points of discussion
 - Need for public comment – location & styles
 - Phasing of work – should we specifically note or is this carried under “priorities”?

- Date for completion
- Do we need to consider language that makes “priorities” more specific?
- We should avoid using specific language for the avenues of feedback to be used

Charge Draft:

The EDSC will seek public input through multiple avenues on the current proposed sidewalk plan. This will include identifying priorities. The EDSC will report findings to the Select Board no later than May 31, 2024.

- Motion to Approve – Maureen
- Second – Julia

Committee Charge update – Supporting Economic Development

- Select Board has requested we write and submit a Charge
 - Rich proposed a Charge draft
 - Moe proposed a Charge draft
- Key points of discussion
 - Should we structure this as a goal or a mission statement?
 - A mission would set the direction for the committee in general & allow others to understand more clearly how to interact with the EDSC
 - Should we create a subcommittee to set goals, or create the goals and create subcommittees after?
 - Should we have more processes in place?
 - Should we add more verbiage about attracting new businesses?

Condensed Charge Draft Proposal:

The EDSC will provide support to the residential and business communities of North Yarmouth in promoting civic and economic engagement within our community. The EDSC will sponsor, promote, and encourage community groups and activities that bring NY residents and businesses together in an effort to create a sustainable economic engine.

Economic Development Charge to be continued and developed further at next meeting.

Sidewalk Subcommittee

- Decided not to vote on a subcommittee for sidewalks at this time
- Will be an action item for next meeting

Reschedule November Meeting currently set for 11/23/23

- Proposal to move meeting to 11/30/23
- Motion to Approve – Rich
- Second - Byron

Upcoming Town Events list

- Special Town Meeting Saturday September 30 at 9:00 – New Fire Truck Borrowing

OTHER BUSINESS

- Report on Town Village Block Party
 - Well attended event
 - Great to see intergenerational community members
 - Feedback – food trucks commented that with the booster tables, they did not make as many sales. Food was cheaper at the tables and people may have preferred to support the local organizations rather than purchase from food trucks
- North Yarmouth Business Association
 - Rich received feedback from the current leadership of the NYBA
 - Looking for ways in which the EDSC can get involved
 - Association paused in 2020 due to Covid

 - Business breakfasts
 - Trade Shows
 - Networking

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Congratulations from Kit Maloney on having a full board
- Ribbon cutting
 - North Yarmouth Veterinary Hospital on Oct 14th, 11am

Motion to Adjourn – Rich
Second – Maureen

Next meeting:

November 30, 2023, 6:30pm
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