Town of North Yarmouth

EDSC Committee

Minutes for Thursday, January 25, 2024

6:30PM – 8:00PM

Attendance: Maureen Lucey; Byron Kern; Rich Parenteau; Eliza Bachelder; Julie Cabral; Grace Rote; Alicia Dostilio

Not Present: Ian Acker

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Old Buisiness: Approval of 11/30/24 meeting minutes – Byron move, Rich seconds. All approved.
3. New Business:

A. Sidewalks

* Rich re-caps Olver and associates and the cost associated. Proposes a subcommittee to have a zoom or phone conversation. Asks for discussion.
* Maureen reports she spoke with Kit who had spoken to Olver and Associates-they do have some dates available for a forum
  + March 14th and 28th are dates Olver offers
  + Kit asks if we should organize the forum for a March date rather than us meeting with Olver separately
* Byron-proposes getting what we need via email, and forming a subcommittee if needed.
* Maureen-Olver needs written approval to move forward with any sort of planning.
* Kit-Spoke with Olver this morning, and reports greenlighting the project allows them to help us get grants and get into the “nitty-gritty”. They need to show that this is a community that wants them to go forward with getting sidewalks before they are able to help support funding efforts.
* Rich- The grant funding idea is a new idea. Hopes to find a way to cast a broad net through surveys, mailers, reaching out to residents from a central location maybe in addition to a forum. Suggests we will reach more residents if we go beyond the forum
* Rich- proposes subcommittees to deal with survey and then one for forum
* Byron-Forum committee should consider what the purpose or value of having Olver at the forum would be. Do we need them there for the forum?

B. GPCOG-

* Forum is scheduled for 2/12 6-8
* GPCOG is handing promotion of this

5. Other business:

* Broadcasting discussed-Consensus is that members would like meetings broadcast and seek clarity on if they must be recorded or could not be recorded if there was an option to reschedule a canceled meeting.
* Kit-will seek clarity about the option to reschedule meetings considering they may not be able to broadcast.
* Public Comment: Rachael Whitmarsh-Values recordings especially to gain context of the discussion when looking at the minutes.

6. Adjournment: Byron moves, Alicia seconds, all approve.