

North Yarmouth Economic Development and Sustainability Committee (EDSC)
October 12th, 2016, Town Office Meeting Room
Minutes

In attendance: P. Gilligan (chair), M. Ahlberg , R. Roy (Town Manager), C. Ellison (secretary), A. Horstmann, D. McLaughlin

Absent: K. Murphy, P. Lacy (BOS liason)

1. Minutes from 10/12/2016 unanimously approved.

2. Camoin Associates held a meeting with stakeholders on December 5th to kick-off his work for our town and gain insight into what the town thinks we want. Amy and Rosemary were in attendance. They talked a little about TIFs, they can be arranged to encourage big business, which would be the possible downside, but we would use to encourage development in the village center. What kind of business do we want, what do we have, and what should we encourage. Things like a farmers market would be easy to start with, how can we utilize what we have already in town and encourage more of what we want. Camoin aims to help us determine all these things.

Camoin will gather information on what businesses would need to establish a presence here and also landowners to see what they would need to work with businesses. They will sit down with stakeholders including landowners and make recommendations to the town of which land we should be interested in and facilitate meetings.

Camoin is meeting with people individually in January, who do we suggest they meet with for these meetings. Amy would like to represent the committee as would David, and we think a mother of young children should be represented so Matt's wife will participate.

Deciding on how the village center will look is something our committee should keep in mind even if in the end it is settled through the planning board we don't want it to get overlooked in the process.

Connectivity and amenities are what we need in town, to accommodate what people want. We should talk again to Darla of NYBA once we know what direction we want to move in, they surely have ideas about farmers markets, etc. We have lots of businesses we should be involved in promoting them as things that are going on in NY already.

Patrick would like to meet with local entrepreneurs while we are waiting for Camoin to make progress. We could try inviting food trucks or pop up restaurants for an event type thing to see what happens, low risk. Patrick and Matt are going to begin a process to hold a little food truck gathering to gauge how it will work. We will talk about this more at the next meeting.

3. We are in need of one more member, and maybe some alternates. If anyone has people in mind.

4. Wescustogo Update – coming up they will be going over the two proposed sites, the previous site and the Memorial School option. December 15th the options will be presented, next week they will meet with the BOS to make a recommendation on the 20th. They were tasked with evaluating the two sites with something that will work with whatever happens over fifty years.

5. Comprehensive Plan Update – discussing a forum to go with the vote. Shooting for February to reveal the survey and discuss what happens based on the survey. We aim to work with Maine Design for community engagement or designing a more useable resource as a final product.

6. Meeting Dates for 2017. We are changing our date to Thursdays. We are moving to the third Thursday of each Month, so our next meetings will be January 19th, February 16th, March 16th.