

North Yarmouth EDSC Minutes
June 23, 2022; 6:30-8:00pm

EDSC Members Present

Kit Maloney
Kevin Robinson
Rich Parenteau
Byron Kern
Ian Acker
Alicia Dostilio

Not Present

Jason Perkins
Maureen Lucey

Also Present

North Yarmouth Residents

Meeting Link

https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=62&id=45881

6:40 - Call to order

- Pledge of allegiance and opening to the meeting

6:41 - Minutes Approval:

Kit provided an overview of the May 26, 2022, Kit and Ian abstained due to a prior absense, all other in favor, passed 4-0

Old Business

6:43 - EDSC Membership recommendations - confirmation of alternate application submission Dates

- Kit provided an overview on the Select Board reviewing our proposal to elevate Mo and re-nominate Kit for another term at the July meeting. We have decided that we will continue to take applications for alternate position. Draven provided additional background and history on the process of elevating alternates and nominating candidates. Our next meeting is July 28, and we would like applications a week ahead (July 21) to review.

6:51 - Comprehensive Plan

- Kit provided an introduction to our continued discussion of the comprehensive plan. Kit and Kevin discussed the timeline and process for making edits and improvements. We

have decided to separate clerical and factual errors from more broad changes to the document.

- The committee discussed next best steps for reviewing the goals and policies, and pulling together our suggested changes and edits. Alicia proposed we start with the previously identified important goals and discuss the specific policies related to that goal. Mike Mallory provided some additional commentary on the takeaways from the previous meeting.
- Kit introduced the first goal within the comprehensive plan and read the goal publicly. Discussion related to the goal and its applicability to town were discussed more fully. The committee discussed better linking the policies to the goals they support to review.
- Kevin introduced the second question and provided an overview of the discussion at the previous meeting. It was determined to be an important goal but that the goal was not being implemented as written due to the lack of commercial development. We discussed more completely whether the wording should be less zone-specific in the event of LUO changes so they stay applicable.
- Committee discussed next steps, including distilling the goal down to its core element and then determine which ones we need more feedback and growth from additional parties. Alicia raised the importance of having measurable policies that support our goals to make sure that things are tracked going forward.
- We highlighted the current goals that are most pressing, specifically numbers 2, 3, 4, 6, 10
- Rich proposed various additional goals for us to consider
- Kit reminded us to be cognizant of new goals to bring to the next meeting to discuss further and finalize what we think the most important goals are and to have an agenda of items to discuss.

8:04 - Public Comment

- Judy Potter pointed out that we need to review and make sure that the goals are consistent with the capabilities and rules of the town. Specifically, we need to make sure that the aquifer is considered in relation to the land use ordinance.
- Rachel Whitmarsh highlighted that there was little visibility to the districts, how they have changes, and the background on why things were changed. Rachel also highlighted that it is extra important to include the public in discussions about the goals.
- Mike Mallory suggested minor wording edits to the first goal. Mike also noted he liked simplifying the goals through consolidation.

8:24 - Adjournment