

North Yarmouth EDSC Minutes
Thursday, Nov 10, 2022; 6:30-8:00pm

EDSC Members Present

Kit Maloney
Kevin Robinson
Rich Parenteau
Ian Acker
Alicia Dostilio
Maureen Lucey

Not Present

Byron Kern

Also Present

North Yarmouth Residents; members of the Parks Committee, Living Well Committee, and Planning Board

Meeting Link

https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=62&id=48647

6:30 - Call to order

- Pledge of allegiance and opening to the meeting

6:34 - Minutes Approval:

Kit provided an overview of the October 27, 2022 minutes, Rich and Ian abstained due to a prior absence, all other in favor, passed 4-0

Old Business

6:35 – Update on alternates—Kit provided an update on our nomination of an alternate; the select board has currently taken a pause on nominations to build out a formal process for handling going forward.

6:37 – Update on our comprehensive plan activities for the remainder of the meeting

- Maureen, Alicia and Ian provided a high-level overview of the status of their sub-committee work, noting that all were continuing on track.
- Kit provided an overview of our Outreach charge and handed to floor to Rich and Kevin, who have led the sub-committee for committee outreach. As part of our outreach, we invited members of the Living Well, Parks, and Planning Board committees to discuss with us at a regular meeting.

- A motion was held to allow public comment throughout the meeting, all in favor—public commenters throughout included members of the various committees invited to the meeting, in addition to Mike Mallory and Judy Potter.
- As a group, we did introductions of the members of our committee and the various members of other committees, and public in attendance.
- Each of the goals of the Comp Plan was introduced and discussed by members of the EDSC and the public in attendance
 - While each of the goals was in discussion, we determined some felt more like policies than goals, and others were either too general or too specific to be meaningful goals to the town
 - Based upon public comments and feedback, it was clear certain goals had near consensus support and needed little follow-up—additionally, certain goals would be better served as a policy that supports and already-existing goal.
 - Goals 2, 3, 4, 6, and 10 were determined to be key, priority goals that could have different interpretations and would be important to review more closely.
 - Goal 2: Establish a walkable, mixed use, village-scaled land use pattern that defines and directs growth to the Village Center and supports new housing, businesses, and a rich civic life.
 - Goal 3: Establish a new rural hamlet with a strong neighborhood commercial center at the intersection of Route 231 and Route 115, supported by a mix of housing types and lot sizes.
 - Goal 4: Establish a clear land use pattern that supports rural character in the rural areas, preserving open space, farmland, and environmental resources while providing opportunities for rural economies to flourish.
 - Goal 6: Control the pace and timing of development and promote a land use pattern that will assure cost-effective and efficient delivery of public services.
 - Goal 10: Incentivize a diversity of housing sizes, types, lot sizes, and price points to be constructed in the Village Center and Village Residential Districts,
- Public commentors generally supported the key goals identified and offered support and recommendations for how to best engage the public in further discussion
 - EDSC is committed to having a public forum as the next step to better engage members of the town. Expected in early 2023
- Meeting adjourned