

**North Yarmouth EDSC Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 27, 2023; 6:30-8:00pm**

**EDSC Members Present**

Rich Parenteau  
Ian Acker  
Alicia Dostilio  
Maureen Lucey  
Eliza Batchelder  
Byron Kern

**Also Present**

Kit Maloney, Select Board  
Paul Whitmarsh, Public  
Kevin Robinson, Public

**Meeting Link**

[https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location\\_id=62&id=53632](https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=62&id=53632)

6:33 - Call to order

- Pledge of allegiance and opening to the meeting

6:36 – Election of Chair/Co-chairs and Secretary

- Maureen and Rich were both nominated and seconded for the chair/cochair position
- Byron asked about each of their priorities and each of the candidates gave responses:
  - Rich highlighted he expected the EDSC could be involved with the sidewalk developments in town; Rich also highlighted an importance to focus on the business and development side of our committee as well.
  - Maureen also highlighted her agreement that sidewalks would fit with much of the feedback we received in our forum. Maureen also highlighted the ability to highlight new business in town. Maureen also highlighted issues around the aquifer and tax rates and the ability for it to be understood by members of the public.
- First there was a vote for chairs; the initial results of vote were 3 votes for Rich and 3 votes for Maureen. On a second round of the vote, vote was 6-0 to have Maureen and Rich co-chair, similar to how the Committee has handled co-chairs previously.
- Ian was nominated Secretary, seconded, vote was 6-0 in favor.

6:45 – New Business

- Rich brought forward a discussion of the process for nominating new members and walked through the current openings and their descriptions.
  - Discussion continued related to the desired qualifications

- Overall there was agreement that willingness and ability were the greatest criteria we were looking for
- Rich continued with our discussion of the process for nominating committee members and we discussed the process
- Maureen moved to create a Candidate Review Subcommittee, seconded by Byron
  - Vote was 6-0 to create the subcommittee
  - Eliza, Maureen, and Alicia all volunteered for the subcommittee; Rich motioned, Ian seconded. 6-0 in favor.
  - As a result of the vote, the subcommittee will develop questions to be sent to the town manager for legality and review, meet with candidates, and develop recommendations
  - It was agreed there would be a goal to have recommendations available for the next meeting, in August
  - There was further discussion about the remaining term for various seats—Kit is going to follow up as liaison
- There was some additional discussion around the town Tuesday Markets at the Wescustago Hall, the Block Party coming in August, other similar activities in the community.

Rich and Maureen agreed they would work out specific details for co-chairing going forward.

#### 7:11 – Public Comment

- Kevin Robinson reminded us of our previous charge related to infrastructure and the importance of continuing that effort
- Kit Maloney, re-introduced herself as our select board liaison, and gave her welcome and excitement to work with us going forward. She highlighted the resiliency grant the town received that will require further effort and work going forward, and is excited to work with us. She provided us some additional feedback and suggestions.

7:20 – Rich moved to adjourn, seconded Byron, vote was 6 – 0 in favor.