

## **DRAFT Minutes**

### **North Yarmouth Economic Development and Sustainability Committee (EDSC)**

**February 9, 2015, 6pm Town Office Meeting Room**

Attendees: A. Lones (Chairperson), A. Horstmann, M. Ahlberg, P. Gilligan, P. Napolitano, S. Hopkins, S. Morrison, S. Lee, C. Ellison (Secretary)

Absent: K. Murphy, A. Graham

Audience: M. Girard

1. Introductions were made and Audrey Lones, currently interim chairperson was elected Chairperson and Carol Ellison was elected Secretary.
2. The rules of serving on a committee were discussed, including voting members, alternates and quorum requirements.
3. The charge of our committee as identified by the Board of Selectmen, was read and discussed. In short, the role of our committee is to help support the Board's decisions with studies, money or other resources. The full charge is repeated below.

*The committee will in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen develop and promote a sustainable and ongoing process supported by the community that will strengthen the local economy utilizing economic resources and strategies that will meet the current and future needs of North Yarmouth*

4. The village center redevelopment project was introduced, and the motion by the Board of Selectmen to move forward with option 2A—the renovation of the Memorial School into town offices and meeting space. Meetings to present the details of the project will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and hearings will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The town meeting of April 11<sup>th</sup> is intended as a decision date for the project.
5. The draft of goals was reviewed and discussed, and much history of the committee and town was covered in the process. Technical details about TIF districts was explained. The idea of creating subcommittees based on goals was introduced. Sue suggested that the goals be more measurable as a way of analyzing progress. It was suggested that the goals be phased as to allow certain items to move forward while others need to wait from decisions by the Board.
6. It was agreed that the next meeting would be on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Memorial School. Prior to that date committee members are encourage to attend some of the meetings and hearings for the redevelopment project. At the next meeting we will aim to clarify the goals and select subcommittees.