

November 7, 2013 EDSC Minutes

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Notes from Meeting of the Economic Development & Sustainability Committee on November 7, 2013

Those in attendance were Audrey, Dave, Andy, Bill, Mark and Al

Mark provided some information from previous selectmen's meeting concerning planning for the future (10 -20 years out). He mentioned the new wells installed by Yarmouth Water District to better define aquifer at Town Center, what to do about Wescustogo Hall and what we need for public facilities.

Initiatives to be explored are: a TIF District for economic development to be used to shield Town from additional state taxation, a subsurface wastewater disposal area for Town Center to allow for greater use density and how to create a broader environment in the Town Center. Mark will head up an Ad Hoc committee to explore these issues.

The committee reviewed the Power Point developed earlier this year to determine its relevance to existing conditions. The first 15 pages appear to be completely relevant but beyond that point, some minor changes need to be made.

There was some discussion regarding the existing Town Hall and that it is still usable in its current configuration but the Town will certainly outgrow the facility in the near future.

The suggestion of moving the municipal offices to NYMS and vacating the exiting site for commercial use or housing was discussed since more room will be needed at Town Hall for municipal operations in the future.

There was some discussion concerning the reconstruction of Wescustogo adjacent to existing Town Hall or in Sharp's Field but not on previous site. The option to offer the previous Wescustogo Site to the Historical Society for relocation of Old Town House was suggested or leaving it as open space.

There was a discussion concerning the rental house leaving it as a rental or removing it from the site.

Andy suggested we meet with Patrick Roche of Think Tank Co-Working to discuss possibilities for redevelopment of the Town Center area. Andy will see if Patrick is available for our next meeting on November 21st.

At the next meeting we should also finalize the changes to the Power Point. Bill will check in with Pat Carroll to determine cost for additional drawings.

Notes taken by Al Ahlers