

EDSC December 19, 2018

I. Call to Order

II. Minutes Approval for the November 15th meeting(attached)

III. Old Business

- Review of TIF Q & A's (Greg's Draft attached)
- Discussion about Select Board workshop
- Summit, Newsletter Article on TIF

IV. New Business

- Steve Palmer from Living Well will bring us up to speed on what they are doing i.e. *Traffic in Village Center (includes possible \$ for street study, street calming, possible \$ for Route 115 improvements) – these*
- *TIF Forum Dates, etc.*
- *Marijuana – The Select Board is thinking of putting out a survey to residents to determine what, if any, ordinance or policy the Town should consider regarding this matter. At the Board's last meeting I made the following statement and recommendation:*
- **Marijuana Survey** - With the assistance of some volunteers research has begun what other towns have used for survey questions relating to the new laws for adult marijuana use. The plan is to present our findings to the Select Board at the meeting of December 18th. In discussing the matter with our economic consultant, Vanessa Farr, we agreed that offering opportunities for conversation and education to the public are important and if possible should take place prior to an official survey. Marijuana is rapidly becoming the new light manufacturing product that is replacing other types of manufacturing products that have been reduced in scope or exhausted due to changing times and demand. It is essential that the public understand not only the law but the pros and cons to the different allowances within the law. Additionally, we concurred that the Economic Development & Sustainability Committee (EDSC) should be directly involved in these efforts of communicating with the public, thus providing the Select Board with a good policy going forward.

The Board will have another review on this matter at their next meeting and may decide to go with the recommendation.

- *Budget FY2020*
- • *Other future projects, i.e., Village Center Design Standards, Business Recruitment, etc. (agenda may be too full for this=)*