

North Yarmouth Economic Development and Sustainability Committee (EDSC)

Agenda

May 18, 2017 – 6:30pm

Town Office Meeting Room

In attendance: P. Gilligan (Chair), A. Horstmann, K. Murphy, P. Lacy (BOS Liason), R. Roy (Town Manager), C. Ellison (Co-Chair - Secretary), D. Morrison

Absent: M. Ahlberg, D. McLaughlin

1. Minutes from January 19th meeting unanimously approved.
2. The design for Wescustogo continues to evolve as they get community feedback. The final presentation to the Select Board will take place in June, then a workshop will be held with the public to review the approved plans. We believe we should support the plan as a committee. There is fundraising planned to raise at least a portion of the budget. We will also be looking at grants. We probably need a fundraising committee, run by a large donor.
3. Zoning Updates - Zoning changes need to be approved by the townspeople at town meeting, so would take at least a year from now. Farm and forest building permits are capped at 15/yr and we have almost hit the cap for the year. We need ways encourage people to build in town rather than in the farm and forest region, to give viability to the town center we need density. To give incentives to business owners we really need a TIFF district in the town center.
4. In preparation for the Committee Summit - Economic development should facilitate business solutions by asking what current businesses want to expand/come here and what the town needs. We want to hear how other committees envision their involvement in the action plan. The evening will consist largely of discussion between the committees on what they see as their role and what we can do to facilitate.
5. The North Yarmouth Board and Committee Summit will take place on May 23rd, which should give us helpful information on where the committee should head from here.
6. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 15th.