

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

### **Agenda**

**June 15, 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),

**Absent:** M. Ahlberg, D. McLaughlin, D. Morrison

1. Minutes from May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting approved.
2. The summit was very interesting, Smiths property is very important to try to capture, zoning issues came up a lot and what we do with the town offices should be one of the next steps we take, and the importance of setting up a TIF zone asap was discussed by many. It was very hopeful and inviting, but we felt that it put us in the spotlight. We, as a committee, cannot act until TIF is started, zoning is changed, and we get more either responsibility or direction from the select board. Our charge will need to evolve to include any administration that we need to take charge of for the action plan. A TIF committee, made up of pieces of two committees (EDSC and Planning Board), might make sense, there is already overlap we should not duplicate efforts. When we have pieces we can hold workshops to release information to the public; like a proposed tif district. If we release information via newspaper it may attract developers.
3. Rosemary outlined a proposed TIF zone, which includes expanded "Village Center" zoning. All current businesses are included in the proposed TIF zone.
4. What type of properties do we want to include in the TIF, so we can then identify feasibility, because of the aquifer and utility availability some things would not work. We should start brainstorming individually and as a committee.
5. Patrick will reach out to Audrey about being a liaison and getting a meeting to start working together with the Planning board and identifying where our committees overlap. Initially the creating of the TIF zone will require and benefit from re-zoning, as will other committees goals of protecting farm-forest zones, parks, etc.

Properties we believe can be utilized by businesses, in the current Village Center District that are or will soon be on the market: White house across from NY variety. Two Smith properties, 100 acres & 18 acres. Blue vinyl siding farm house, and adjacent lot, and across the street, white farm house with big barn and green shutters. A tax map or map with lot numbers would be more useful in identifying properties than by using historical family names and/or local landmarks that may or may not still exist. Needs to be revisited.