

EDSC Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

EDSC Present:

Diane Morrison, Chair
Greg Schueman
Kit Maloney
Amy Horstmann

Also present:

Rosemary Roy
Vanessa Farr

- I. **Call to order:** 6:34pm
- II. **Minutes Approval** - Unfortunately minutes from the EDSC July 2019 meeting were lost in computer failure.
- III. **Old Business**
 - * **Marijuana Recap and Discussion:** Majority of North Yarmouth voters were in favor of Maine recreational marijuana. EDSC wants to get a further pulse from the NY community to ensure that proposed recommendations to the select board reflect the wishes of the townspeople. EDSC is particularly keen to gauge interest in various forms of businesses within the town from retail to manufacturing.

Next steps:

1. Survey creation - Greg and Vanessa to create a simple and short survey (available via print and online versions). Survey questions to be presented to the NY Select Board for approval. (Sept - Nov 2019.)
2. Conduct Survey. (Oct - Dec 2019).
3. EDSC to review survey submissions and findings and create a proposal for town policies and producers for marijuana business licenses and business operations. EDSC to present these recommendations to the NY Select Board (2020).

***Street Activation Update:** 10.5 foot travel lanes and ballards have been approved for testing. This will force drivers into a smaller lane and theory is to slow down traffic. Educational campaign coming from Living Well. Installation happening in Sept (Date tbd.) EDSC and LW members are asked to help with the installation.

***EDSC meeting dates:** The next EDSC meeting is a joint meeting with the Planning Board and is scheduled for Sept 19th at 6:30pm. This meeting will replace the meeting on Sept 26th. Diane will get us dates for the rest of 2019 - re-arrangements needed due to holiday conflicts.

***Work Session on Master Plan:**

Committee went through the doc submitted by Vanessa, "Vibrant North Yarmouth, By Design." Deadline for final feedback is Sept 11th as Vanessa will be presenting the document to the NY Select Board on Sept 17th for their initial feedback.

This document is written as a guidebook for the NY committees, including the EDSC and the NY Select Board. It's primarily an educational tool and a guiding doc providing a framework for making decisions easier in progress review. It will be available for the public to see but it's primarily designed for the town leaders and the development community, so that upon review developers can decide what they can offer that will be in alignment with the town's expressed plans.

EDSC members gave feedback on the flow of the document and advised ways in which it could be more reader friendly and clear, including the addition of definitions of development terms, legends on maps, and filling in the photo placeholders.

IV. New Business: "Celebration of Community" and "Marketing and Communications Point Person" were on the agenda but not discussed.

V. Other Business:

***Recruiting new EDSC members:** We currently have 5 members and we have the ability to have seven.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Maloney