

EDSC Meeting Minutes

Sept 23, 2021

EDSC Present:

Ian Acker, elected Secretary at this meeting

Laurie Bachelder

Alica Dostillio

Kit Maloney, elected Co-Chair at this meeting

Rich Parenteau

Kevin Robinson, elected Co-Chair at this meeting

Absent: Jason Perkins

I. **Call to order:** 6:32pm

Member introductions. The EDSC welcomed a majority of new members to the committee during this meeting.

II. **Minutes Approval** - Passed. 4 votes to approve from people who were at the August 26 meeting and 2 people abstained as they were not at the meeting for which the minutes were written.

III. **Old Business**

EDSC Charge: As per the direction of the Select Board the committee explored moving forward on two aspects of their current charge: 1) working with the town to define “rural” and “rural character” and 2) doing an infrastructure review to assess what development is and is not currently feasible in NY.

- 1) The committee members acknowledged that defining “rural” and “rural character” benefits from the use of visuals and a recognition of an emotional understanding of these terms. Committee members will be working to better clarify their own understanding of these terms as a way to start planning for events the EDSC can host to connect with NY residents and gain a wide, diverse, and representative account of these terms. The guiding question when receiving input and feedback from residents is *“What does a village center in a rural town look like to you?”*
- 2) The committee will be reviewing infrastructure, with a particular focus on water, to provide clarity on what development is and isn’t feasible.

Senior Housing

In a collaborative effort, The Select Board, Living Well, The Planning Board, and The EDSC will be hosting joint workshops on Senior Housing. This will be the same presentation repeated on two separate days and times to give the residents various scheduling options. Proposed workshops times are currently:

Sunday, November 7 at 2 pm in the WH&CC*

Wednesday, November 10 at 7pm in the WH&CC*

*Please note, these are soft dates. The SB will be confirming these dates at their next meeting.

TIF

Committee members will be reviewing recent TIF presentations, particularly the June 22nd and Aug 3rd workshops, and working towards creating an updated straightforward, user-friendly presentation for understanding the TIF with real life examples and a FAQ section.

IV. New + Other Business:

Facebook: The committee will be drafting a Facebook page/group to explore the potential for utilizing it as a tool for transparency and for getting a broader account of community feedback, particularly in consideration of defining “rural” and “rural character” and the core question to residents of “*What does a village center in a rural town look like to you?*”

Elections:

Co-Chairs - Kevin Robinson and Kit Maloney. There was a split vote with three members (Kevin Robinson, Rich Parenteau, and Alica Dostillio) voting for Kevin Robinson and three members (Kit Maloney, Ian Acker, and Laurie Bachelder) voting for Kit Maloney. The committee members then voted to have both Kevin Robinson and Kit Maloney serve as Co-Chairs.

Secretary Unanimous vote for Ian Acker.

V. Public Comments:

Thank you to residents who took time to ask questions and make comments. This part of the meeting started around 7:40pm and is part of the livestream that is available on

https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=62&id=40096

Residents who spoke:

Judy Potter, Brain Sites, Paul Hodgetts, Scott Kerr, and Mike Mallory.

Re-cap:

In response to a request for more transparency, the EDSC will work with town offices to participate in sharing updates through the NY newsletter.

Continued review of infrastructure.

Importance of maintaining a consistent inquiry to guide feedback about “rural” and “rural character” and from that leading us towards the single question: “*What does a village center in a rural town look like to you?*”

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Maloney