

North Yarmouth EDSC Minutes

August 25, 2022; 6:30-8:00pm

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EDSC Members Present

Kit Maloney
Rich Parenteau
Byron Kern
Alicia Dostilio
Maureen Lucey

Not Present

Kevin Robinson
Ian Acker

Also Present

Diane Barnes, Town Manager
Kelly Rehberg, Greater Portland Council of Governments
North Yarmouth Residents

Meeting Link

https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=62&id=47244

6:30ish *(10:15 on video)*- Call to order

- Pledge of allegiance and opening to the meeting

Minutes:

Kit asked if all members had reviewed the previous meeting's minutes, presented for approval—approved unanimously by all members present.

Old Business

(10:55 in) – Election of EDSC Committee Positions:

Committee Chair:

Kit explained to members (and audience) that she & Kevin co-chaired the EDSC last year- Kevin has stated that he is not interested in being appointed to the Chair/Co-Chair position this year. Kit voiced her interest in the position if no one is opposed or interested. Rich & all members expressed their satisfaction with the partnership last year and support of having Kit become this year's Chair. Byron nominated Kit for Chair, Maureen seconded. Appointment approved unanimously.

Secretary:

Ian Acker is the current secretary. Kit believes that he is interested in continuing as Secretary, unless anyone present was interested. None present were interested in the position. Due to the importance of the position, with Ian not being present, it will be voted on at our next meeting in September.

(15:00 in) – **Presentation from GPCOG**

- Kit welcomed Diane Barnes and introduced Kelly Rehberg, Sustainability Program Coordinator for Greater Portland Council of Governments.

From GPCOG's Website: "Kelly supports GPCOG's sustainability, resilience, and planning programming. Her work engages with member communities on climate action planning, public outreach, and sustainability initiatives. She also contributes to regional planning efforts including land use, comprehensive, and transportation planning, and data collection and analysis"

Presentation: Community Resilience Partnership Program

From GPCOG's website:

Recommended by Maine's four-year climate action plan, [Maine Won't Wait](#), the Partnership offers communities support for both climate mitigation and adaptation activities. It is administered by the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.

Through grants and direct support to municipal and tribal governments and unorganized territories, the Community Resilience Partnership assists communities to reduce carbon emissions, transition to clean energy, and become more resilient to climate change effects such as to extreme weather, flooding, rising sea levels, public health impacts, and more.

North Yarmouth has been working with CPCOG to get enrolled in this program. Having a public forum for committee discussion was a requirement which this EDSC meeting helped NY meet. Kelly spoke about the *Community Resilience Partnership Program* which awards Maine towns up to \$50k per every six months for projects supporting climate resiliency.

The Committee discussed the presentation and priorities of projects for NY, including those expressed by Diane Barnes (sidewalks, LED lighting in municipal buildings, and protection against invasive species.) The Committee discussed making the most of the opportunity to be awarded the full \$50k by applying for a grant that would cover the expenses of GPCOG creating a Climate Action Plan for NY, including a vulnerability assessment, community feedback, and LED lighting.

(44:45 in) - **Public Comment**

Multiple residents (including Ann Dillon, David Reed, Annie Graham, Brad Baker) asked about various ideas that could potentially fall under the umbrella of the grants, such as Knight's Pond, invasive species, securing the electrical grid and improving thermal envelopes on buildings to improve energy efficiency.

1:37:10 – Adjournment