

North Yarmouth EDSC Minutes
Monday, Sept 22, 2022; 6:30-8:00pm

EDSC Members Present

Kit Maloney, Chair
Kevin Robinson
Rich Parenteau
Byron Kern
Ian Acker, Secretary
Alicia Dostilio
Maureen Lucey (arrived approx. 6:40)

Not Present

Also Present

North Yarmouth Residents

Meeting Link

https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=62&id=45881

6:30 - Call to order

- Pledge of allegiance and opening to the meeting

6:42 - Minutes Approval:

Kit provided an overview of the August 25, 2022, Kevin and Ian abstained due to a prior absence, all other in favor, passed 4-0 (Maureen arrived after this vote)

Old Business

6:33 – Vote for secretary—Ian nominated, all voted in favor

6:34 – Kit provided an overview of the process we went through to write the bylaws in January 2022. Kevin voiced his continued support for the bylaws. Rich pointed out a minor formatting issue to be corrected. Byron highlighted that there could be greater clarity around subcommittee or other meetings. Kevin provided his further background and understanding from the process of developing the bylaws. Further discussion around subcommittee meetings continued. A minor wording edit was proposed to Section 3(E) to give greater discretion around the contents of meeting agendas, adding “Standard meeting suggested outline”. Kevin motioned, Kit seconded the changes. Vote was 7-0 in favor. Vote held to communicate changes to the Select Board for approval; vote 7-0 in favor.

6:49 – Community Resilience Partnership Program Update. Diane Barnes (town manager) has applied for a climate change and sustainability grant with GPCOGs that is currently under

review. There is no further action for us at this point, Kit provided an update that there is a chance, should the grant be awarded (potentially later this year or early next), the Select Board could charge our committee with assisting GPCOG with their work under the auspices of the grant.

6:51 – Comp Plan Charge. Kit introduced the topic of our comp plan review charge, intending for us to discuss a project plan to give an update to the select board by the end of 2022. Kit provided an overview of our charge, the process to date, and how we can lay out next steps. We began by continuing our discussion of the various goals included within the Comp plan.

Committee members revisited the results of our discussions and tried to understand how we can get the most information from the public through forums and workshops with the public and specialists. Kit proposed a subcommittee to develop some materials ahead of a public forum so that it could be well managed with the town. All members of the committee provided suggestions and highlights for our process in developing the materials.

The committee developed ideas for how to set up our subcommittees to support our comp plan charge. We determined it was most appropriate to have three subcommittees of two members each. With two members, subcommittees can meet and keep the Chair involved while keeping to our bylaws. Subcommittees formed: Developing Overview Forum Materials (Byron Kerns and Ian Acker); Forum Format Committee (Maureen Lucey and Alicia Dostilio); Committee Liaison Subcommittee (Kevin Robinson and Rich Parenteau (better subcommittee names TBD).

7:35 – Kit provided an update on available commercial spaces available in town on Route 115. There is currently a space available in the Red House, Formally the Blue House. Kit also provided an update on another subdivision that is proposed along Route 115. It was highlighted this was a good opportunity to revisit the use of a development consultant to assist with representing the town to further highlight commercial development. Discussion continued related to the merits of an economic developer to help the town. We further considered our responsibilities and how we interact with the town. Kate Perrin (SB liaison) was introduced and provided some highlights on what she has seen relevant to this process at the Select Board level.

8:03 – Public Comment

- Mike Mallory had some additional guidance on how we break out goals/policies/procedures for the presentation that we give to the public. Mike also had feedback on how we select an economic development consultant, highlighting we should make sure that we are able to find a middle-ground on development going forward. Finally, Mike suggested we make sure we get better response rates for surveys and feedback from the public.