Town of North Yarmouth

EDSC Committee

Agenda for Thursday, November 30, 2023

6:30PM – 8:00PM

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Attendance: Maureen Lucey; Byron Kern; Rich Parenteau; Eliza Bachelder; Julie Cabral; Grace Rote; Ian Acker; Alicia Dostilio

1. Call to Order, The Pledge of Allegiance
2. Old Business

Approval of 9/28/23 meeting minutes – Ian and Alicia abstains due to an absence. Rich moved to approve, Maureen seconds, all voted in favor

1. New Business
2. Report on Ribbon Cutting- Veterinary Center (6:34)

Maureen provided a brief overview of the Ribbon Cutting. Maureen and Eliza attended the ribbon cutting and were excited about the event, noting there were many attendees. Multiple members of the committee have used the vet since opening and spoke highly of their experiences.

1. Subcommittee Check-In (6:37)
* CPCOG projects – Eliza B.

The ultimate goal of this project is to develop a climate action plan for North Yarmouth. One of the first steps is to determine what stakeholders think should be working for. The work of the subcommittee is intended to facilitate grant funding with GPCOG in the future. We had our first meeting with GPCOG and they asked that we consider and complete the Community Engagement Checklist for Committees. The focus of the initial steps of the checklist is identifying key stakeholders in the process. A subcommittee of EDSC, Parks, and Waste Reduction committees will look to host two forums, first is aiming at early February.

We discussed the specifics of the relationship between the subcommittee and GPCOG. The checklist noted that GPCOG will assist with a project website, generating outreach materials, and assist with outreach events. As part of the first steps, we started to identify key stakeholders and key next steps. See separate attached document for key conclusions reached.

Ian moved to nominate Alicia for the subcommittee along with Eliza, Maureen seconded. All in favor.

1. Committee Charge update – Sidewalk Planning (7:25)
* Select Board has reviewed our written Charge – review any changes if any

Maureen provided out a copy of the charge and read the charge aloud to the committee.

The EDSC is charged with gathering community input and collecting public feedback from North Yarmouth residents and businesses on priorities associated with the proposed sidewalk design drafted by Olver Associates.

The EDSC will create multiple opportunities and avenues for feedback, potentially including but not limited to joint meetings with other town committees, workshops, and public forums. A comprehensive presentation to the North Yarmouth Select Board on the feedback gathered is required for the completion of the charge no later than May 31, 2024

As a discussion of timeline, it was determined that most of the outreach and meeting sessions are going to need to happen in February and March, to allow for the report to be developed in April with approval and conclusion in May.

The Olver plan is a current conceptual map of sidewalks in the village center; there are further questions regarding the scale and scope of the project, the level of sidewalk development, and other key factors including the number of homes accessible.

We will plan to have specific outreach and identified key next steps to address at our coming December 21, 2023 meeting.

1. Other Business
* Review meeting date for December w/ Holidays

Moved to the 21st; Eliza moved, Maureen seconded—all approved.

1. Adjournment.