Monday, December 9th – NEMSN business

1:00 – 1:30  Arrival and Coffee

1:30 – 1:45  Welcome and Agenda Overview
Cyndi Veit, NEMSN coordinator
Troy Moon and Rhett Lamb, NEMSN co-chairs

1:45 – 2:00  Icebreaker

2:00 – 2:45  Around the Room – 2 min per town!

2:45 – 4:15  NEMSN Business
15 min Updates:
Leadership/Steering Committee/Co-chair changes (Cyndi)
Membership review (Cyndi)
Logo Team (Sheila, Stephanie, Gloria, Troy)

15 min  Goals – any updates (Cyndi)

30 min  Discussion about USDN RFP application (Cyndi and Jennifer)

15 min  Fundraising Update:
STAR and Next Step Living (Susanne and Ginny)
Barr for next year (Susanne)
Merck (Jennifer)
Discussion (all) – other sources of funding

15 min  Preparation for June 2014 meeting (Cyndi)
Stormwater? Or something else?
Who is able to host?
What’s of interest?

4:15 – 5:15  Next Step Living presents – Geoff Chapin, CEO/President

5:15  Adjourn

6:00 – 8:00  Group dinner at City Landing, 255 State St., across from Marriott Long Wharf hotel
Tuesday, December 10th – Sustainable Economic Development

8:00 – 8:30 Arrivals and Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome and Agenda Overview

Cyndi Veit, NEMSN coordinator
Review agenda

Rhett/Troy
Welcome anyone who wasn’t here yesterday
Thank sponsors (STAR, Next Step Living)

Curt Spalding, US EPA – Region 1, Regional Administrator
EPA and Communities

8:45 – 9:30 STAR Community Rating System – Hilari Varnadore, Executive Director; STAR Communities


10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00 Data and Indicators (Small group discussions)
  • What is a “durable” economy?
  • How does it relate to sustainability?
  • Why does it matter?
  • What sustainability and economic indicators do you currently use? Why?
  • How are they important?
  • When are they reported?
  • Are you interested in tracking something different?
  • Share back one key item learned from this discussion

12:00 – 1:15 Lunch on your own

1:15 – 2:00 Sustainable Economic Development in Cambridge and Boston – Lisa Hemmerle, Director of Economic Development, Cambridge, MA

2:00 – 2:45 Sustainability, climate change and your city’s economic health (Small group discussions)
  • How do you tackle climate change and economic development?
  • How is climate change impacting your city’s economic health? What’s being done about it?
  • Is there fear of talking about climate change with EDDs and/or developers?
  • How is communication between sustainability office and ED office?
  • Does what EDDs want/need relate to what the sustainability directors need/want?

2:45 – 3:30 Wrap Up and Next Steps (Cyndi)
  • Information for STAR report
  • Connect mid-way between now and June meeting? (Like the October call on Food?)
  • Connections you want to follow up on
  • Quick evaluation – what worked/didn’t work for this meeting?

3:30 See you in 2014! Parting thoughts from NEMSN co-chairs