

**New England Municipal Sustainability Network  
Agenda for Winter Meeting  
December 9 – 10, 2013  
Boston, MA**



**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 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**

**9:30 – 10:30 Creating a Durable Economy: Burlington Case Study – Bruce Seifer, Seifer Associates, and Ed Antczak, Economic Development Specialist, Burlington, VT**

**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**