

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, Aug 15, 2022 Meeting

Lubell called meeting to order at 6:03 pm

In Attendance: Paul Manganiello, Jeff Lubell, Brian Loeb, Creigh Moffatt, Jeff Goodrich. Moffatt took notes in lieu of Kathleen Shepherd.

Moffatt made a motion to approve agenda with addition of an item related to inviting a guest to the next meeting (placed as #7), Loeb seconded, but vote superseded by Manganiello motion to approve agenda with addition of an item related to preparation of written materials (placed as #8). Moffatt 2nd motion and all approved.

1. **Comments from the public** – No public present

2. **Approve minutes – 7-18-22** – Manganiello moved, Moffatt seconded motion to approve minutes of July 18, 2022 – all approved

3. **Meeting times:** should we switch to 6:30 pm in future? Manganiello moved, Lubell seconded switch of future meetings to 6:30 – all in favor

4. **Planning for public forum on Accessory Dwelling Units** - discussion of prior guest who spoke about ADUs; Article in today's Valley News about Woodstock and other VT towns assisting in the creation of ADUs to provide housing for local workers, and/or to attract workers to jobs available in the towns, using some town funds and other funds from the state to assist homeowners to create ADU's that will be used for prescribed amounts of time for AH. Discussion of planning for public forum shifted to next meeting as the optimal speakers have not yet been identified.

5. **Quick updates**

a. Application for VCDP Planning Grant – Selectboard has memo from planning commission requesting submission of planning grant.

b. Fire-District Owned Land – Lubell will go to the fire district prudential committee meeting in September to speak about the affordable housing subcommittee's request.

6. **Selectboard questions for affordable housing subcommittee:**

- What is the committee's charge as you all understand it?
- What are the committee's current initiatives (provide timelines if applicable)?
- What are the committee's goals and/or principal activities for the next three years?

The subcommittee worked on draft responses based on the town's Housing Strategy and passed a motion directing the chair, Jeff Lubell, to complete and share the responses to the planning commission for review, with a copy to Roger Arnold. Goodrich motion to approve, Moffatt Seconded, all approved.

7. Inviting representative from Conservation Commission to September AH meeting – The subcommittee discussed that this would be desirable to discuss the value of adding affordable housing in Norwich as we embrace thoughtful and sustainable use of the land and resources.

8. Topics AH is currently, or will be in the process of, considering, and writing about - deferred to next meeting

7. Zoning for affordable housing – deferred until September meeting

Motion to adjourn at 7:04 by Moffatt, seconded by Manganiello, all in favor