

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE  
Monday, May 9, 7:00 PM  
No physical meeting location.

Attending by Zoom access:

Jeff Lubell, Kathleen Shepherd, Brian Loeb, Paul Manganiello, Creigh Moffatt

Members of the public: Jaci Allen, Nancy Leavitt-Reibel, Nick Krembs, Elliot Harik, Carolyn Frye, Susan Barrett, Elizabeth McKinstry, Linda Gray, Cheryl Asa, Gina Sonne, Ann Allen, Selina French, Barbara Landau, Robert Gere, Rebecca Holcomb, Mary Gorman, Ralph Hybels

Topic: Public Presentation on Norwich Housing Strategy and Activities to Date by the Affordable Housing Subcommittee

1. Approve agenda. Loeb made a motion to approve, Manganiello seconds, adopted 4-0.
2. Public Presentation on Norwich Housing Strategy and Activities to Date
  - a) Lubell presented an overview of the Norwich Housing Strategy. Due to the complexity of housing policy and housing markets, it is important to develop a comprehensive approach that provides a roadmap of how we can expand the diversity, affordability, and sustainability of new affordable housing. The strategy is available here: [http://norwich.vt.us/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/NorwichHousingStrategy\\_2020-2024\\_11-21-19.pdf](http://norwich.vt.us/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/NorwichHousingStrategy_2020-2024_11-21-19.pdf)
  - b) Loeb gave an overview of the subcommittee's work to date in implementing the Norwich Housing Strategy. The subcommittee thoroughly reviewed land owned or controlled by the town or fire district and identified two properties that might be suitable for the development of below-market rate homes. The sites under investigation are located on New Boston Rd and Beaver Meadow Rd. It will be important for the town and Fire District to confer regarding the Fire District-owned parcels. Site feasibility analysis is needed for both sites to ascertain whether development is feasible.
3. Comments from the public. Members of the public asked questions, which were addressed by Lubell and Loeb. Among other topics identified as needed future work are the following: further education of the public about the need for affordable housing, ADU's, intersection of conservation and housing, state education taxation formula.
4. Approve minutes of April 18, 2022. Loeb made a motion to approve, Manganiello seconded. No discussion. Approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

APPROVED 6-13-2022