

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, December 20, 2021 START TIME 6pm

Physical Meeting Location: Creigh Moffatt

Zoom access: Jeff Lubell, Jeff Goodrich, Brian Loeb, and Paul Manganiello

Topic: Affordable Housing Subcommittee

Time: December 20, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

1. Approve Agenda: Motion was made to approve the agenda by Manganiello, seconded by Moffatt. There was no discussion. It was approved unanimously

2. Comments from the Public: None

3. C. Moffatt expressed safety concerns with the requirement that a member of the subcommittee be physically present at Tracy Hall during a warned meeting during the pandemic.

4. Approve Minutes – 10-18-21: Motion was made to approve the minutes by Lubell, seconded by Loeb. There was no discussion. It was approved 4-0-1 abstention

5. Update on memo to planning commission re publicly owned land: After discussion, Loeb proposed in a motion that Lubell's memo titled "Next Steps: Investigation of Fire District Land for Affordable Homes" be endorsed by the Affordable Housing Subcommittee. Goodrich seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Loeb further moved that the memo be sent to the Planning Commission for review with a request that they request funding from the Selectboard for the activities described in the memo. Goodrich seconded the motion. There was no discussion. It passed unanimously

6. Preserving long-term affordability. The subcommittee discussed the need to provide for the affordability of any units created on town-owned land over the long-term, and ideally in perpetuity. This could come in the form of covenants for rentals or private housing managed by non-profit developer or a form of shared equity homeownership. Creigh suggested looking at the covenants between the town/state and the Starlake development and Norwich Senior Housing. This topic will be taken up at the next meeting

7. Zoning revisions to promote affordability: deferred Zoning to our next subcommittee meeting.

8. Other business: None

9. Comments from the Public: None

Next Meeting: A date of January 10th @ 6:30 has tentatively been set, pending confirmation from town officials that the meeting date does not conflict with other town meetings.

Motion to adjourn: Moved, seconded, and passed 5/0

Minutes submitted: Paul Manganiello

APPROVED 1-10-22