

# NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes 03-27-2023

Attending: Jeff Lubell, Brian Loeb, Creigh Moffatt, Jeff Goodrich, Paul Manganiello;  
Members of the Public: Rachel Coombs

START TIME 6:30 pm

1. Moffatt made a motion to approve agenda, Loeb seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Comments from the public none.

3. Loeb made a motion to approve minutes from February 20, 2023. Lubell seconded. 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Jeff G. abstained. (Manganiello arrived shortly after this vote.)

4. Discussion of New Boston Road Parcel

Discussion regarding possibility that Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) might agree to act as a prospective purchaser in order to conduct Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments since they are eligible for the BRELLA program. Further discussion regarding whether it made sense to seek to subdivide the parcel before moving forward with assessments. The group also discussed whether it might make sense to move forward with the VCDP planning grant application as originally planned to do site planning and prepare property for subdivision. Jeff L will seek to learn more about whether a subdivision is necessary, and Jeff G and Jeff L will confer to discuss next steps.

5. Discussion regarding approach to various Faith Communities serving Norwich – Each committee member present summarized discussions with members of the faith groups approached:

Brian - Episcopal and Catholic

Jeff L - Unitarian and Norwich Rabbi

Paul - Congregational

Creigh – Friends

There was widespread interest among individuals outreach to in an interfaith coalition to support affordable housing in Norwich. The subcommittee discussed as a next step inviting representatives to a meeting in April to discuss further. (Somewhere around this point Jeff G. was having connectivity troubles and had to leave the meeting.)

6. Jeff L. will resend the ADU info sheet for subcommittee members to review, add to and finalize as a Guide for people interested in ADUs in Norwich, including a link to “how to get subsidies”.

7. Moffatt made a motion to end the meeting at about 7:50. Loeb seconded. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Creigh Moffatt, acting as Secretary

APPROVED 04-17-2023