

Norwich Affordable Housing Subcommittee

Monday, November 28, 2022, 6:30pm

MINUTES

Zoom Meeting:

<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81242668798 Meeting ID: 812 4266 8798</p>

AHSC Members Jeff Lubell, Creigh Moffatt, Kathleen Shepard, Gordon Greenfield, Brian Loeb

Planning Commission Members Present: Jaci Allen, Brian Loeb, Ernie Ciccotelli, Marc Aquila, Vince Crow

Public Present: Chris Verges, Kate Verges, Mary Layton, Nancy Osgood

Meeting Opened: 6:32 pm

1. Approve Agenda

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Public Comment

No public Comment

3. Joint discussion with Planning Commission on status of New Boston Road parcel

Lubell described a discussion with the Selectboard about a proposal for a state planning grant to assess the feasibility of the town-owned parcel north of the transfer station to be used for affordable housing. During that meeting, new information surfaced related to the discovery of buried bags of trash north of the transfer station. Based on this new information, Lubell determined that more discussion would be needed to determine whether the planning grant application should be submitted and asked to withdraw the current request to the Selectboard for the go-ahead to proceed with the application.

During the ensuing discussion with members of the Affordable Housing Subcommittee and Planning Commission, several participants recommended further due diligence to assess whether the parcel might still be a viable possibility for the development of affordable housing and underscored that the purpose of a planning grant is to better understand the risks and benefits so that a determination could be made about whether a project is feasible and advisable.

The general recommendation was to do further investigation and target the next application window In February 2023.

4. Review of prior meeting minutes

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the draft affordable housing subcommittee minutes from 8-15-22. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the draft affordable housing subcommittee minutes from 9-19-22. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the draft affordable housing subcommittee minutes from 10-17-22. The motion passed 4-0, with C. Moffatt abstaining.

5. Other Business

Kathleen Shepard announced her resignation from the affordable housing subcommittee due to other commitments. The subcommittee thanked her for her many years of excellent service.

6. Adjournment

A motion was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0 and the affordable housing subcommittee meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

APPROVED 01-16-2023