

Town of Norwich
Affordable Housing Sub-committee
Minutes
December 21 2020

Location: Act 92 compliant virtual Open Meeting via Zoom

<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81242668798 Meeting ID: 812 4266 8798</p>
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Members Present: Jeff Lubell (Chair), Jeff Goodrich, Paul Manganiello, Brian Loeb, Kathleen Shepherd, Ralph Hybels, Gordon Greenfield, Creigh Moffat

Public Present:

Staff: Rod Francis

Meeting called to Order: 6:02pm

- 1) Approve Agenda: Manganiello moved and Hybels seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 2) Comments from the Public: none.
- 3) Approve Minutes of November 16, 2020: Manganiello moved and Shepherd seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2020. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 4) Next Steps – Outreach: Members discussed how to build on the recent Op-Ed piece published in the Valley News.
 - ADUs as a major focus
 - Identify wastewater provision (lack of municipal system/cost of private septic systems) as a potential constraint (even for ADUs)
 - Encourage developers responsible for recently approved projects in Hanover and Lebanon to look at Norwich
 - Invite Woodstock Foundation members to speak to AHSC on how they achieved recent success with donated properties and establishing permanently affordable housing
 - AHSC should develop an FAQ style document
- 5) Review of Publicly-Owned Land in Norwich: Francis continued the discussion if maps showing lands owned by the Norwich Fire District. Members discussed attributes of various parcels and their potential for affordable housing development. Some attention was paid to a property impacted by the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) at the intersection of Turnpike and New Boston Rd and the Barrett Playground (bread oven) property, and a Fire District property on Dutton Hill Rd (wastewater suitability is unknown).
- 6) Announcements, Reports & Correspondence: none
- 7) Other Business: none
- 8) Comments from the Public: none
- 9) Meeting Adjourned: the subcommittee identified the following items for inclusion in the next agenda:
 - January 25 – Woodstock Affordable Housing
 - Possible Legislative Action around current wastewater regulations
- 10) Manganiello moved and Loeb seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Francis
APPROVED 1-25-21