

Town of Norwich
Affordable Housing Sub-committee
Minutes
August 16, 2021

Location: Tracy Hall multi purpose room and virtual 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 (both at Tracy Hall) Brian Loeb, Paul Manganiello, Kathleen Shepherd,

Public Present:

Staff: Rod Francis

Meeting called to Order: 6:14pm.

- 1) **Approve Agenda:** Manganiello moved and Shepherd seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended by adding “and discussion of draft memo” to the description of item 4a. (below). Motion carried 5 – 0. For: Lubell, Loeb, Manganiello, Shepherd, Goodrich.
- 2) **Comments from the Public:** none.
- 3) **Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2021:** Manganiello moved and Shepherd seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1. For: Lubell, Loeb, Manganiello, Shepherd, Abstain: Goodrich.
- 4) **Identifying land for affordable housing:** (20-25 minutes)
 - a) Follow up on publicly owned parcels and discussion of draft memo

Goodrich asked what was the long-term equation that would deliver affordable housing? Was it the Woodstock model which involved i) acquisition ii) construction iii) dealing with wastewater and iv) ongoing management?

Goodrich questioned the need for a consultant, suggesting that the members of the subcommittee possessed the needed skills to identify suitable land already. He suggested that the town Trails Committee as a model that this subcommittee can emulate.

Lubell responded that there were specific reasons to hire a consultant such as the need to research physical conditions at the old dump-site and the sheer size of the major Norwich Fire District site (over 830 acres) that would need a careful assessment of viable house sites.

Loeb expressed reservations that this memo as it stood would be enough for the Selectboard to act on. Members continued to discuss the specific attribute of sites.

Chair Lubell asked for further comments on the memo to be provided to him no later than the end of August, 2021.
- 5) **Upcoming meetings:**

September 14: Planning Commission; Joanna Whitcomb Dartmouth Planner

September 20: Revised memo
Next issue to tackle (from housing strategy)
- 6) **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Francis