

Town of Norwich
Affordable Housing Sub-committee
Minutes
September 20, 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, Brian Loeb, Kathleen Shepherd, Ralph Hybels

Public Present: none

Staff: Rod Francis

Meeting called to Order: 6:04pm.

- 1) **Approve Agenda:** Shepherd moved and Goodrich seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5 – 1. For: Lubell, Loeb, Hybels, Shepherd, Goodrich.
- 2) **Comments from the Public:** none.
- 3) **Meeting Minutes of August 16 2021:** Shepherd moved and Goodrich seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1. For: Lubell, Loeb, Goodrich, Shepherd, Abstain: Hybels
- 4) **Identifying land for affordable housing:** (20-25 minutes)
 - a) Follow up on publicly owned parcels and discussion of draft memo
Goodrich said that he had many comments on the memo, but that none were substantive. He suggested that they could be best addressed by going over them with Lubell (the author).
Other members expressed broad support for the memo.
Francis expressed concern about the lack of adequate information concerning the history of the landfill, characterizing any contamination (There are no test pits or wells) and the potential impact on potable water supply.
Goodrich suggested the subcommittee find a way of further investigating the landfill using state and regional resources.
Shepherd moved and Loeb seconded a motion that the memo dated September 13 be accepted following non-substantive edits being made by Goodrich and Lubell. Motion carried 4 – 0–1. For: Lubell, Loeb, Goodrich, Shepherd, Abstain: Hybels
- 5) **Which items from the strategy should we prioritize next?**
Goodrich expressed enthusiasm for promoting shared-equity models of home ownership on private parcels. Members discussed various aspects of the topic including ensuring that the public understood the concepts and different models of shared-equity affordable housing.
- 6) **Upcoming meetings:**
 - October 20: Shared-equity housing models
Changes to the Land Use Regulations (LURs) to promote housing affordability
Public land memo follow-up
- 7) **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Francis