

# ENHANCED ENERGY PLANNING WORKING GROUP

## NORWICH ENERGY COMMITTEE NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, Tracy Hall

### Regular Meeting

**Members Present:** Members Present: Jaci Allen (PC), Linda Gray (NEC Chair), Susan Hardy (NEC), Aaron Lamperti (NEC), Norm Levy (NEC)

**Clerk:** Linda Gray   **Others/Guests:** Linda Cook, Jack Cushman, Rob Gere, Anne Silberfarb

Linda Gray, of the Norwich Energy Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. **Agenda Approved by Consensus**
2. **Comments from the Public** - None
3. **Minutes** – 5-1-18 Regular Meeting minutes were approved by consensus
4. **Announcements, Reports, Updates & Correspondence** - None
5. **Reports related to energy information in current Town Plan as it relates to the standards of Act 174 Checklist:**
  - a. Discussion of the Working Group's "final product" to the Planning Commission, agreement that the Working Group should develop a complete Energy Chapter to be recommended to the Planning Commission. Given that some of the required "pathways" involve topics in other Town Plan chapters, such as Transportation and Housing, some revisions will be recommended to those chapters as well. Agreement to follow this organizational structure drafted by Aaron Lamperti:
    - i. Current status (Where are we?)
    - ii. History of energy use in Norwich with baseline
    - iii. Vision statement re: Norwich and energy (sustainability, local generation, local control, local economy)
    - iv. Goals (Where are we trying to go?)
      1. State usage goals (VT Comprehensive Energy Plan and 90% RE by 2050)
      2. Town usage targets (heat, transportation, other) [we need a term for other energy uses, since electricity is expected to cover heat and transportation]
      3. Town generation targets
    - v. Policies (How do we get there?)
      1. Conservation
      2. Heat (Weatherize)
      3. Service (utility? what do we call everything else that uses energy?)
      4. Transportation (transition to electric - town fleet?)
      5. Renewable Generation (Solarize)
      6. Development and Siting
      7. Preferred Locations
      8. Prohibited Locations
    - vi. Throughout we will use a graphic element to indicate how a section of text meets the enhanced energy plan requirements. For review at our July meeting, Lamperti agreed to draft a revision of the current Energy Chapter to reflect this outline.

- b. Data analysis and targets: discussion of a revision edited by Linda Cook, with many further revisions and questions identified. Linda will check with TRORC and/or VEIC (which did much of the modeling for Baseline data) on some details; ask if cost data can be calculated for all the Baseline data; and ask TRORC if all our Goals can be expressed as percentages. Susan Hardy will propose a different chart for the Transportation Switching Goals.
- 6. Other Business – None**
- 7. Future Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items**
- a. Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM
  - b. Continued review of Act 174 Checklist and the current Town Plan
- 8. Comments from the Public - None**

**Adjournment:** 8:50 PM

Linda Gray

*APPROVED 9-4-18*

**Future Meetings:**

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

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