

ENHANCED ENERGY PLANNING WORKING GROUP

NORWICH ENERGY COMMITTEE NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 4, 2018, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

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

Clerk: Linda Gray **Staff:** Rod Francis, Norwich Planning Director

Others/Guests: Linda Cook

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

- 1. Agenda Approved by those Present**
- 2. Comments from the Public** - None
- 3. Minutes** – there were no corrections to the Minutes from the regular meetings of 6/5/18 and 7/17; approved by consensus
- 4. Announcements, Reports, Updates & Correspondence**
 - a. Linda Gray and Aaron Lamperti reported on the 7/26 joint meeting with the Thetford and Strafford people who are also working on Enhanced Energy Planning. Copies of drafts from Thetford and Strafford were included in the meeting materials; they are of interest, but don't provide any special guidance for Norwich.
 - b. Discussion of whether this Working Group should be considered “under” the Planning Commission or the Energy Committee. The request for and confirmation of support from TRORC went originally through the Planning Commission, but participation has been mostly from Energy Committee members. Rod Francis will research options; agreement that the activities of the Working Group will be reported quarterly to the Selectboard by the Energy Committee.
- 5. Review draft revision/outline of the current Energy Chapter, re structure, clarity for lay readers, meeting the standards of Act 174 checklist (including Data analysis/targets and Pathways on Land Use, Transportation, Conservation/Efficiency, and Renewable Development/Siting).**
 - a. The latest version of a new Energy Chapter, drafted by Aaron Lamperti, was reviewed. Discussion included:
 - i. The process of energy planning and setting strong goals is more important than meeting Act 174 standards and having the Town Plan receive “substantial deference in PUC proceedings.
 - ii. The next steps for the draft Energy Chapter include:
 - Rod Francis will compare the Energy, Transportation, and Land Use chapters of the current Town Plan against the Act 174 checklist;
 - Rod Francis will review the data available from TRORC for inclusion in the Energy chapter; and
 - Other members of the Working Group will review the Goals/Objectives/Actions of the current Energy chapter, to update them
- 6. Other Business** – None

7. Future Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items

- a.** Tuesday, October 2, 2018 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM
 - i.** Continued review of Act 174 Checklist and the current Town Plan

8. Comments from the Public - None

Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Linda Gray

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 – Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM

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