

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday November 8, 2022, 7:00pm

MINUTES

Zoom Meeting:

<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89339717735 Meeting ID: 893 3971 7735</p>
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Members Present: Jaci Allen, Brian Loeb, Ernie Ciccotelli, Marc Aquila, Vince Crow
Public Present: Linda Cook
Staff: Aaron DeNamur

Meeting Opened: 7:10pm

- 1. Approve Agenda:** Loeb asked that item 6 (Approve Minutes) on the agenda be moved up.

Loeb moved and Crow seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed change. Motion carried 4-0-2. For: Allen, Loeb, Crow, Aquila. Absent: Ciccotelli, Goodrich.

- 2. Public Comment:** none

- 3. Approve Minutes**

Loeb moved and Aquila seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 4-0-2. For: Allen, Loeb, Ciccotelli, Aquila. Abstain: Crow. Absent: Goodrich

- 4. Density Study Wrap-up**

Allen opened by stating they felt the analysis was helpful and appreciated the possible recommendations provided by the consultant. Loeb stated they found the information helpful and surprising due to the low level of development in Norwich in recent years. It would be helpful to have the recommendations fleshed out more for the PC. Aquila expressed agreement with Loeb and surprise at the amount of lot merging historically. DeNamur explained what the last 2 maps of the report were portraying and what the overall recommendations were from the consultants. Loeb asked if DeNamur could help the PC determine what implementing these recommendations into the land use regulations could look like.

Ciccotelli expressed disagreement with the findings and recommendations of the density study and felt that it was not in line with the wishes of residents or the objectives of the PC. There was discussion about the findings of the study and what it was truly suggesting.

- 5. Process to develop zoning districts**

Allen expressed desire to approach the creation of new zoning districts in a step-by-step manner and that the discussion of the density study will likely greatly inform that the process and discussion. DeNamur also recommended that the PC discuss the Town Plan and how to change districts to achieve the things called for in the plan that are currently very difficult or impossible to do. Ciccotelli wants forest blocks and farmland close to the village center to be considered during the conversation and creation of zoning districts.

- 6. Announcements, Reports, AHSC and HPC Updates, Correspondence**

DeNamur stated they didn't have any specific updates or announcements at this time, things in town are very fluid and chaotic at this time. Loeb stated the AHSC had a public forum on accessory dwellings that was well attended and informative for residents. The HPC would like to work with the PC to determine what their role in the process could look like.

- 7. Other Business**

Ciccotelli stated a desire to know why people think slow growth is an issue. Loeb responded that Norwich is part of a larger region that is dealing with varying issues and the town can contribute it's part towards addressing them.

8. Future Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be at 7pm. There was discussion about how to hold meetings in the future (hybrid options).

9. Public Comment

None

10. Adjourn: 8:12pm, unanimous

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, December 6, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron DeNamur

APPROVED 11-28-2022