

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00pm
MINUTES

Zoom Meeting:

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Members Present: Jaci Allen, Brian Loeb, Ernie Ciccotelli, Marc Aquila, Vince Crow, Melissa Horwitz

Public Present: Chris Verges, Carolyn Clinton, Heidi Webster

Meeting Opened: 7:01 pm

1. Approve Agenda: Loeb moved and Horwitz seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6–0.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Norwich Historical Society strategic planning process

Carolyn Clinton explained that the Historical Society is asking groups in Norwich for input on the mission of the Historical Society. There are 3 Questions:

 - 1) What are the hopes and dreams for Norwich?

Ciccotelli stated he would like the town to retain its rural character, focus on stewardship of the environment and move toward more sustainability.

Allen stated that she would like to see improvements in the town’s infrastructure, including sidewalk maintenance and improvements and Tracy Hall, to name a few. She stated she would like us stop turning away grants that have been awarded.

Loeb stated the town plan is the best guide to learn about the goals for the future of the town.

Crow stated he would like to see infrastructure improvements to promote pedestrian safety while working with the Historical Society to retain rural character.

Aquila stated he would like to align the Land Use Regulations with the Town Plan, focus on improving Town wastewater management, and pedestrian safety.
 - 2) What challenges make it hard to reach them?

Allen stated resistance to change has prevented modest progress.

Ciccotelli stated not all change is positive, and we need a rational approach.

3) What changes are needed in Norwich to reach these aspirations?

Loeb stated the Town Plan contains Action Items for each group

4. Acting Administrative officer

Allen reported that the job posting for ZA has not received any responses. She will continue to post the job listing on other websites. The ZA from Strafford and Thetford both are unable to dedicate extra time to help.

Loeb stated that the SB will soon announce an Interim Town Manager and that could lead to the TM help finding a new ZA.

5. Updates and Correspondence: None

6. Approve minutes: Ciccotelli moved and Aquila seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2022 meeting with changes. Motion carried 5-0-1. Horwitz abstaining.

7. Future Meeting Schedule, and Agenda

The next PC meeting we will discuss ZA position progress, Affordable Housing Sub-committee grant pre-application progress, and recommendations that may be forthcoming from the Norwich Historical Preservation Commission.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjourn: Loeb moved and Horwitz seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Crow

APPROVED 01-10-2023