

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 13, 2010, Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Richard Stucker, Tom Gray, Ralph Hybels, Anne Silberfarb, Daniel Johnson

Members Absent: Brooke Adler, Jeff Goodrich

Clerk: Phil Dechert

Others:

Dan Johnson - Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved.
2. **Minutes** – 4-22-10 - Approved as read.
3. **Reports:** Dechert reported on:
 - a. King Arthur Flour’s plan to bring sewer line from Hartford for their own use, possibly over Dresden land.
 - b. Private group looking at land on the Ompompanoosuc River as a town park.
 - c. Selectboard considering purchase of Norwich Congregational Church Parsonage.
 - d. Solar projects in town connected to the “grid” that are exempt from local permits.
4. **Town Plan Workshop Review–**
 - a. What is a Town Plan? It appeared that many attendees did not really understand how the Town Plan fits into the scheme of planning-zoning. Dechert will work on a narrative of what a town plan is and what it is not to be used at future hearings and in the introduction.
 - b. Dechert reported that comments had been received from several residents regarding natural resources, education, development density, and other topics. Copies of emails have been distributed to members.
 - c. The word “Should” may not be an appropriate action word. Review where and how it is used in the document.
 - d. Wastewater/Sewer – After a review of sections relating to wastewater systems, changes were made to Action L.2.e on page 11-11 to better reflect the consensus of the commission.
 - e. Implementation – Dechert distributed Town Plan Implementation Chapters from Norwich (1996), Waitsfield (2005), Hinesburg (2005), and Charlotte (2008). After review and discussion, the Clerk was asked to draft an outline chapter based on a combination of the Norwich and Hinesburg approaches. Members will review and prioritize the Objectives and Actions for the next meeting.
5. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 5/27/10

Future Meetings:

Thursday, May 27 at 7 PM – Regular meeting

Thursday, June 10 at 7 PM – Regular meeting

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