

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 12, 2010, Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Daniel Johnson, Ralph Hybels, Jeff Goodrich, Anne Silberfarb, Tom Gray

Members Absent: Richard Stucker, Brooke Adler

Clerk: Phil Dechert

Others: Justin Hybels

Daniel Johnson –Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved.
2. **Minutes** – 7-22-10 - Approved
3. **Reports** - Dechert updated the members on the three Selectboard public meetings to hear comments on the proposed Parsonage purchase and the bond vote September 14.
The Vital Communities regional transportation visioning proposal discussed at the last meeting is on hold while alternative funding sources are identified.
4. **Town Plan** –
 - a. **Implementation Chapter** – An updated version of the “Implementation Program” with additional major implementation themes relating to Housing and Natural & Scenic Resources was discussed. We will continue with additional themes on energy and regional cooperation. The objectives and actions in each theme will be sorted into the order they appear in the town plan with a heading for each chapter.
 - b. **Rural Character** - The discussion regarding adding reference to “rural character” in the implementation chapter continued. It was acknowledged that the definition of “rural character” may be different for each community based on existing features and community values and therefore should be defined for Norwich.
 - c. **Regional Planning Chapter** – The board reviewed an updated draft that included the names and brief description of the regional organizations that provide support, mutual aid, and regional planning to Norwich and the other municipalities in the region. The next draft will add a few organizations and add Lebanon as a neighboring town. There will also be reference to the Lebanon Micropolitan Area, a United States Census Bureau Micropolitan Statistical Area that includes Grafton County in NH, and Windsor and Orange Counties in VT.
5. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 8/26/10

Future Meetings: Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 7 PM
Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 7 PM
Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7 PM

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