

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 11, 2010, Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Tom Gray, Brooke Adler, Jeff Goodrich, Anne Silberfarb, Richard Stucker

Members Absent: Daniel Johnson, Ralph Hybels

Clerk: Phil Dechert

Others:

Tom Gray, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved.
2. **Minutes** – 10-14-10 – Approved as amended.
10-28-10 – Approved as read.
3. **Correspondence** –
 - a. Thetford Draft Zoning - Public Hearing warned for November 30.
4. **Town Plan** – Public Hearing 12-9-10
 - a. Notices and publicity for the public hearing will include the legal warning in the Valley News, notices emailed to the PC and SB lists, notices on the Norwich Listserv, Posters, and a sandwich board in front of Tracy Hall.
 - b. Hearing Agenda – The format for the hearing will be similar to previous hearings:
 - i. Introduction –
 1. “What is a Town Plan?” Refer to hand-out.
 2. Recognition of all the town boards and committees, and individuals that have collaborated with the PC over the past several years.
 3. Summary of changes from the 4-29-10 Town Plan Draft.
 4. Where we are in the process, next steps.
 - ii. Listing of topics to be discussed
 1. Discussion of topics
 - iii. Additional topics from commission members & staff
 - iv. Adjourn
5. **Municipal Planning Grant** – The commission reviewed an outline of a grant application for implementation of a community process to create a plan for higher density energy efficient development areas proposed in the town plan. The commission approved the submission of a Municipal Planning Grant Application for up to \$11,000, which includes a \$1,000 match from the town, and authorizes the Chair to sign the Application Resolution Form. The vote was unanimous.
6. **Other business:**
 - a. A letter of support for the “Municipal Network”, a program organized by the League of Women Voters and Vital Communities and attended by some of the commission members, was approved by a unanimous vote.

- b. Lori Hirshfield, Director of Planning and Development Services for the Town of Hartford, has been invited to the January 27, 2011 Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Town of Hartford Growth Center designation.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 1/13/11

Future Meetings: Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7 PM (Town Plan Hearing)
Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7 PM

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