

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 13, 2011, Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** Ralph Hybels, Brooke Adler, Richard Stucker

**Clerk:** Phil Dechert

**Others:**

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

1. **Agenda** – Approved.
2. **Minutes** – 11-11-10 – Approved as read.
3. **Correspondence** –
  - a. Tim McNamara, Dartmouth College – Application to Town of Hanover for Audible Emergency Warning System – Warning of a January 27, 2011 hearing at the Hanover Planning Board on a project with regional impact.  
The Commission reviewed the plan, found it reasonable, and will take no further action on the application; motion Gray, second Goodrich, vote 4-0.
4. **Town Plan** – Public Hearing - 12-9-10 Draft of the Town Plan
  - a. After a review and discussion of comments made at the hearing or sent directly to the Planning Office, the following changes and actions were approved by consensus:
    - i. Move the Implementation section to Chapter 1 and incorporate suggested changes from George Clark, Paul Gillies, and Peter Gregory.
    - ii. Invite Lizann Peyton to a meeting to discuss ideas she expressed regarding community consensus for the implementation of the Town Plan.
    - iii. Draft letter to Peter Gregory at Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission regarding the coordination of the town and regional plans.
    - iv. Draft letter of appreciation to Brandy Saxton for her excellent work on the Town Plan.
    - v. Prepare revisions to the Town Plan for the January 27 meeting.
5. **Municipal Planning Grant** – The state has agreed to fund a Municipal Planning Grant at the reduced amount of \$3,342. Dechert will revise the Work Plan and Budget to reflect this lower funding amount for review at the next meeting.
6. **Revision of Subdivision Regulations** – A draft of revisions to the subdivision regulations dated 1-11-11 was distributed. This is the 2008 draft with a few additions to address issues that have come up in applications and DRB hearings in the last few years. Many of these changes reflect the actual practice of the DRB and Planning Office in reviewing applications. Others are intended to eliminate ambiguity in the procedures and review criteria. Discussion of the draft will begin at the next meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

*APPROVED 1/27/11*

**Future Meetings:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7 PM  
Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7 PM

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