

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 28, 2011, Tracy Hall

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** Brooke Adler                      **Clerk:** Phil Dechert    **Others:**

Tom Gray, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

1.     **Agenda** – Approved.
2.     **Minutes** – 7-14-11 – Approved without changes.
3.     **Announcements/Reports** - The first Selectboard hearing for the Town Plan is Wednesday August 10, 2011 at 6 PM.
4.     **Affordable Housing** -  
          Dechert reported that the Town Manager, with the concurrence of the Selectboard, has transferred the Affordable Housing Revolving Fund balance to the General Fund in accordance with the article approved at the 2008 Town Meeting.  
          The Commission will continue working with the Affordable Housing Committee and will propose to reinstitute the Affordable Housing Revolving Fund at the next town meeting.
5.     **Subdivision Regulation Revisions**  
          Review of the subdivision regulations revisions continued at Section 3.3 (E) – Protection of Wildlife Habitat and Natural Areas. Total avoidance of impact versus minimizing impact was discussed. “Critical” and “significant” in describing habitat should be defined. The ongoing work by the Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Linking Lands Alliance to map and define habitat corridors and crossings will allow for greater definition and mapping of wildlife habitat in Norwich.  
          Review will continue with Section 3.4.
6.     Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

*APPROVED 8/11/11*

**Future Meetings:**    Thursday, August 11 at 7 PM  
                              Thursday, August 25 at 7 PM

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