

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2011, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

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

Members Absent: Richard Stucker **Clerk:** Phil Dechert

Others: Justin Hybels, Nicole Hastings

Tom Gray, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved with the addition of Selectboard Town Plan Hearing Recap after item #4.

2. **Comments from the Public** - Nicole Hastings, Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC) Monitor/Coordinator for the Appalachia Trail (AT), talked about the switching of trail maintenance and monitoring responsibilities for the Vermont AT segment (Norwich to Woodstock) from the DOC to the Green Mountain Club (GMC) in 2012. She also had several corrections of AT references in the town plan that she will email to Dechert.

3. **Minutes** – 7-28-11 – Approved with changes. Tom Gray was moved from absent to present.

4. **Announcements/Reports** – Gray presented an update on the Capital Facilities and Budget Committee. Jeff Goodrich presented an update on the Public Works committee. Both committees have been delayed while collecting data but are now meeting again.

5. **Selectboard Town Plan Hearing** – After a recap discussion about the hearing, the commission requested that Dechert send a memo to the Selectboard from the Planning Commission offering to meet with them to discuss the town plan and answer any questions they may have. The memo will also include an updated outline of the steps for adoption by the Selectboard. Dechert will also follow up with Irv Thomae, Nicole Hastings, and others recommending changes at the hearing.

6. **Planning Projects** – Norwich Southeast Mixed Use Area MPG ‘11
 After reviewing a map of the “proposed study area,” it was agreed to add additional land including the Dartmouth College and Montshire Museum Parcels, and additional land along Church Street and Hopson Road. Land in the study area not suitable for development or permanently conserved will be identified as such. A second area between the Connecticut River and Interstate 91 from the intersection of River Road and Church Street north to the Thetford line will be designated as a “study area” for low impact mixed use. Dechert will revise the maps and start research on parcel status.

7. **Subdivision Regulation Revisions**
 Review of the subdivision regulations revisions continued at Section 3.4 – District Settlement Patterns. Dechert will review the fire protection requirements in Section 3.6 with the Norwich Fire Chief for the next meeting. Minor changes were made in all the sections.
 Review will continue with Section 3.10 and Articles 4 & 5 at the next meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 8/25/11

Future Meetings: Thursday, August 25 at 7 PM
Thursday, September 8 at 7 PM

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