

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2012, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

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

Members Absent: Daniel Johnson, Ralph Hybels, Brooke Adler

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:**

Tom Gray, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Comments from the Public** – None
3. **Minutes** – 12-22-11 – Approved as amended with description of TRORC survey.
4. **Announcements & Reports** –
 - a. Gray reported that the Capital Financing and Budgeting Committee had reviewed an option to the proposed communications tower utilizing a fiber optic network and multiple shorter towers, and found the costs will be substantially higher.
 - b. TRORC, in partnership with Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission and many other consortium partners, has received a \$750,000 HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to create an East Central Vermont Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. Norwich is participating in this program.
 - c. The town has been awarded a \$28,000 VTrans Enhancement Grant for planning a shared-use path from the Village to the Hartford town line.
 - d. The Municipal Network will be meeting Thursday, January 19 for a presentation and discussion on climate change.
5. **Affordable Housing Subcommittee** –
 - a. Membership has not yet been finalized.
 - b. Some additional changes to the proposed charge (Ver. 1-12-12) were approved.
 - c. The Clerk reported that the reinstatement of the Affordably Housing Revolving Fund has been included on the town meeting warrant. A slight change in the article was suggested to indicate it will recreate a pre-existing fund.
6. **Subdivision Regulation Revisions**
 - a. The Clerk will be meeting with the Conservation Commission at their January 17 meeting to discuss the subdivision regulation revisions. Commission members will be invited to the January 26 Planning Commission meeting to continue discussions.
 - b. **Slopes** – The commission continued exploring review criteria options for evaluating development on steeper slopes and thresholds for requiring more detailed analysis and plans for erosion and sedimentation control. A draft created by Goodrich based on the NH model ordinance was briefly discussed. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. The Clerk will continue to research regulations from other towns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 1/26/12

Future Meetings: Thursday, January 26 at 7 PM
 Thursday, February 9 at 7 PM

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