

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 2013, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

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

Members Absent: Jeff Goodrich, Susan Brink

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:**

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved.
2. **Minutes** – 2-14-13 –approved without changes
3. **Announcements & Reports & Correspondence** -
4. **Zoning Permit and Hearing Fees** – The Commission reviewed and discussed a proposed new schedule of fees for zoning permits and DRB hearings prepared by Dechert. In addition to the proposed fee schedule, examples of total fees for different types and sizes of projects were presented along with comparisons with the fees charged by other towns in the area for similar projects. Although a few members thought the fees could be increased more than the 20 to 30% proposed, it was agreed to send the fee schedule as proposed to the Selectboard for approval and review the fees again next year.
5. **Review of Planning Commission Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives**
In response to earlier discussions of the importance of taking steps to adapt to climate changes, a list of current initiatives by the Planning Commission was reviewed. Most of the initiatives addressed storm water issues including fluvial erosion and inundation flooding. Energy efficiency related to both land use design and buildings was included along with ground water conservation. The list will be reformatted for the next meeting.
6. **Membership** – Members will continue to reach out to potential candidates for the two openings available on May 1st.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 3/14/13

Future Meetings: Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting

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