

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2013, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Tom Gray, Daniel Johnson, Richard Stucker, Susan Brink

Members Absent: Bill Flynn, Nancy LaRowe, Jeff Goodrich **Clerk:** Phil Dechert

Others: Brandy Saxton

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

1. **Agenda** –Approved
2. **Minutes** – 7-11-13 –approved without changes
3. **Announcements & Reports, Correspondence & Updates:**
 - a. **Communication Tower** - Section 248a Permitting – Dechert reported the final permit application was submitted July 19. And there is a 21-day deadline for adjoining land owners and other interested parties to file comments/requests.
 - b. **Pool** – The state has not yet made a final decision to allow reconstruction of the dam.
4. **Route 5 South/River Road Study Area**
 - a. Brandy Saxton, planning consultant with PlaceSense, met with the Commission to discuss the Route 5 South/River Road Study Area planning project and a Municipal Planning Grant Application. Previous project outlines and maps were reviewed.
 - b. Issues discussed included:
 - i. Applicability of state planning goals to the project
 - ii. Applicability of state growth center type programs
 - iii. Public participation process including community workshops, design charrettes, displays at public events, surveys, and other techniques to involve a larger cross-section of residents.
 - iv. Implementation concepts including conventional zoning/PUDs, form based codes, design guidelines, and inclusionary zoning.
 - v. TRORC concerns with development near Interstate interchanges and sprawl.
 - vi. Septic suitability studies completed and planned.
 - c. Dechert will prepare a Municipal Planning Grant application for submission in September.
5. **Selectboard Strategic Planning Request**

In response to the June 21, 2013 request from the Chair of the Selectboard for Strategic Plan input, Dechert was asked to draft a memo for submission to the Selectboard with Chapter 2: Norwich Town Plan – Implementation Program. This will be reviewed at the next PC meeting and then to be sent to the Selectboard.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 8/8/13

Future Meetings: Thursday, August 8, 2013 – Regular Meeting

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