

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2014, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Gray, Goodrich, Lubell, Brink

Members Absent: LaRowe, Flynn, Johnson

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:**

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

1. Agenda – Approved

2. Minutes – 10-9-14 –approved with minor changes

3. Announcements & Reports, Correspondence –

- a. **Pool Update** – Dechert reported ongoing efforts to provide the state with additional data and design concepts to ensure minimal adverse affect on the passage of fish and other aquatic organisms in the area of the dam.
- b. **Affordable Housing** – Lubell, Goodrich, and others met with a few Dresden School Board members for preliminary discussions exploring the feasibility of affordable housing on areas of the Dresden Norwich property not suitable for playing fields. This will be on the agenda for the next Dresden Board meeting.
- c. **Selectboard Subcommittee on Quality of Community** –
(Committee to Develop Strategic Plans Addressing Quality Of Community)
Brink reported that the initial meeting focused on organization, resources, and some discussion on recreational opportunities.

4. Route 5 South/River Road Mixed Use Project

- a. The revised schedule and workshop agenda submitted by the consultant, Brandy Saxton, with some suggested changes by Dechert were reviewed.
 - i. November 13th - PC working with the consultant to set up pre-workshop outreach activities and workshop agenda.
 - ii. Three interactive workshops on November 20 are scheduled at 11am-1pm, 4-6pm, and 7-9pm, allowing participants to pick the most convenient time.
 - iii. After a brief introduction and overview of opportunities and constraints of each study area and an explanation of possible scenarios, participants will break into groups to visit study area stations.
- b. North and South study areas – The consultant mapped 6 study areas with 2 or 3 possible scenarios for each area. The commission agreed on several modifications to the study areas for the consultant to consider.
- c. Other issues discussed included:
 - i. Researching the restrictions on developing agricultural land under Act 250 review
 - ii. Suggesting that any of the proposed study areas could be suitable for affordable, workforce, or senior housing through PUD permitting

5. Adjournment 8:20 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 11/13/14

Future Meetings: Thursday, November 13, 2014 – 7 PM Regular Meeting
 Thursday, November 20, 2014 – 11 AM to 9 PM Planning
 Workshop 1 - Mixed Use Project

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