

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2015, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Gray, Goodrich, LaRowe, Johnson, Brink, Lubell (Phone)

Members Absent: Flynn

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:** Brandy Saxton (Phone)

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

1. Agenda – Approved

2. Minutes – 11-13-14 –approved

3. Announcements & Reports, Correspondence –

- a. Susan Brink reported that the Quality of Community Committee, created by the Selectboard as part of their strategic Planning process, is discussing trails and sidewalks. They are interested in maps of existing trails and planned trails. Dechert had provided the committee with some trail maps and plans for proposed projects including the Church Street sidewalk project and a shared-use path proposed from the Village parallel to Route 5 South to the Hartford boundary.
- b. Jeff Goodrich reported on recent legislation (Act 145) allowing transportation impact fees to be assessed to developers in the Act 250 permitting process.

4. Route 5 South/River Road Mixed Use Project –

- a. Brandy Saxton had provided Notes from all the public workshop sessions and a summary of the online preference survey results and comments. Commission members are looking for a more detailed analysis of the raw data. Goodrich questioned how the data related to sustainability issues in the town and regional plans.
- b. The direction of the program was discussed:
 - i. Will more public sessions be productive?
 - ii. The public comments indicate a need to educate the public with more background information:
 1. Historical development trends
 2. Goals of the program
 3. Why should different areas be developed differently
 4. Role of site plan review
 5. Time frames
- c. Brandy will send an outline of options for changing the program before the next meeting.

5. Adjournment 8:35 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

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