

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2015, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Gray, Goodrich, LaRowe, Brink, Lubell

Members Absent: Flynn, Johnson

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:**

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Agenda – Approved

2. Minutes – 1-8-15 –approved

3. Announcements & Reports, Correspondence –

- a. Jeff Goodrich discussed a project for conceptual alignment plans for a shared-use path project from the Village south to the Hartford boundary for which the town has a \$35,000 80/20 Vtrans grant. He suggested that the grant project should be managed by a town committee in conjunction with the regional planning commission. Dechert stated that transportation projects and grants are the responsibility of the Town Manager and he will discuss the proposal with the Town Manager. The Commission took no action.
- b. Susan Brink reported that the Quality of Community Committee continued discussing trails and sidewalks. They are moving forward making maps of existing trails and planned trails more available to the residents.
- c. Dechert reported the Historic Preservation Commission is issuing an RFP for a windshield survey, the first phase of a Norwich Comprehensive Historic Sites & Structures Survey. Funding is from a Federal CLG Grant administered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.

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

The Commission discussed the Mixed-Use Planning Project – Report Outline prepared by Brandy Saxton on 1-19-15.

Issues discussed included:

- New project name ? “A Plan for Route 5 South & River Road”
- Modify project based on comments rather than responding to specific comments
- Different types of mixed-use, public perception of mixed-use, different terminology
- Show existing zoning rules and potential densities. Possible and proposed changes
- Sustainability – themes from Town Plan
- Emphasize size of study area compared with rural areas

A full set of notes will be sent to the consultant and members for preparing for next meeting

5. Adjournment 8:35 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 2/12/15

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