

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, January 12, 2017, Tracy Hall**

Regular Meeting

**Members Present:** Goodrich, Lubell, Brien, Allen, Brink

**Members Absent:** Thoms, Horwitz                   **Clerk:** Phil Dechert

**Others:** Stuart Richards, Pam Smith, Frank Manasek, Calli Guion, Gerry Tolman and others

Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. Agenda –Approved.
2. Comments from the Public –
  - a. Dean Seibert – Had concern taxes would go up to pay for infrastructure for wastewater
  - b. Pam Smith – Wanted more information – How much of 340 Acres can be developed. Financial tax impact of more students, should there be a cap on future development with phasing.
  - c. Frank Manasek – Questioned the type of development on west side of Route 5, was looking for proof of solution to income inequality, and asked why is a declining population bad.
  - d. Gerry Tolman – Question on flood hazard areas in River Road MU District.
3. Minutes –12-22-16 and 1-4-17 were approved without changes.
4. **Announcements, Reports, Updates & Correspondence - None**
5. **Planning for Public Hearing Scheduled for January 24th**
  - a. The Commission reviewed the latest draft of the Proposed Route 5 South/River Road Mixed Use Districts plan. Jaci Allen, Jeff Lubell, Susan Brink, and Jeff Goodrich each addressed different issues in the presentation. Based on the discussion, clarifications, additions, and deletions will be made to the presentations. An updated draft will be added to the town web site early next week.
6. **Town Plan Update –**
  - a. Land Use Section – Updates and changes to the Town Profile, Housing Plan, and Land Use Chapters supporting Mixed Use Districts were reviewed and discussed. Some additional changes will be made by the consultant and presented at a future meeting.
  - b. Resiliency Section - Additions made to the Community Facilities & Services and Natural & Historic Resources Chapters highlighted the town’s focus on mitigation and resiliency to manage risks, reduce vulnerabilities, and improve response and recovery for future disasters, natural and manmade. One minor change in the draft was requested.
7. **Other Business - None**
8. **Future Meeting Schedule & Agenda –**
  - a. Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 7 PM Public Presentation on Mixed Use Districts
  - b. Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 7 PM Regular Meeting - TBD
9. **Comments from the Public - None**

**Adjournment – 9:05 PM**

***APPROVED 1/26/17***

**Future Meetings:**     Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 7 PM Public Presentation on Mixed Use Districts

[Note: Postponed to February 2, 2017]

Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 7 PM Regular Meeting - TBD

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