

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2017, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Goodrich, Brien, Thoms, Allen, Brink

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

Others: Stuart Richards, John Farrell, Dana Ireland, Gerry Tolman, Ernie Ciccotelli, Alice Werbel, Will Smith, Pam Smith and others

Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

1. Agenda –Approved.

2. Comments from the Public –

Stuart Richards requested the Planning Commission to:

- Look at Impact Fees for providing additional funding for small scale affordable housing,
- Determine the financial impact of more students not only at MCS, but also the Middle and High Schools,
- Provide the percentage of town land that will be in the MU districts, and
- Announce the date for the public presentation.

3. Open Meeting Law Compliance

After a brief discussion regarding the non-compliance with the Open Meeting Laws, a motion was made to ratify actions taken at the December 8, 2016 meeting including the amending and approving the agenda and the approval of the November 10, 2016 minutes. Motion by Thoms, second by Allen, approved 5-0.

In order to better comply with the Open Meeting Laws in the future, the Clerk recommended adopting new Rules of Procedure to replace the outdated 2014 Planning Commission Bylaws. A draft based on a VLCT model was provided to the members for review for the next meeting.

9. Future Meeting Schedule & Agenda

- The Commission approved by consensus to schedule the public presentation on Mixed Use Districts for January 24th at 7 PM in the Tracy Hall Meeting Room.
- January 12th at 7 PM – Regular Meeting
 - Rules of Procedure
 - Mixed Use Districts Presentation Draft
 - Town Plan Updates – Chapters on Resiliency and Land Use

Adjournment 4:23 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 1/12/17

Future Meetings:

Thursday, January 12, 2017 – 7 PM Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 7 PM Public Presentation on Mixed Use Districts

Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 7 PM Regular Meeting

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