

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 14, 2006

Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Daniel Johnson (Chair), Adele Fulton, Ralph Hybels, Tom Gray, Richard Stucker, Alison McRee, Lynn McGrew

**Members Absent:** Jaye Pershing Johnson, Jeffrey Mathias

**Staff:** Phil Dechert

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. *Approve Agenda* -

**Procedure:** The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** Notice is hereby given that the Norwich Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 14, 2006, at Tracy Hall, 300 Main Street, Norwich, Vermont at 6:30pm to hear comments on amending and re-adopting the 2001 Norwich Town Plan. The Plan affects all lands within Norwich. This action is being taken pursuant to 24 VSA, §4383 and §4447.

The Chair opened the public hearing and invited the public to make comments.

Watt Alexander questioned whether the list of proposed actions in Section 12 Implementation of the 2001 Town Plan had ever been followed and completed. He also expressed concern that preparing a new town plan was too much work for the Planning Commission alone and suggested that much of the work could be delegated to outside committees.

Ed Childs commented that the preparation of the 1996 Town Plan started out in committees but got bogged down and ended up with the Planning Commission spending another several years putting it together.

Dechert suggested that the Planning Commission spend some time discussing different options for organizing the town plan process.

The Chair stated that the purpose of tonight hearing was to hear comments on the re-adoption and amendments of the 2001 Town Plan that had just expired. There were no comments from the public related to the re-adoption and amendments to the 2001 Norwich Town Plan.

The public hearing was closed.

3. Town Plan Re-Adoption and Amendment

Motion by A. McRee to re-adopt the 2001 Town Plan with the proposed amendment relating to childcare. Second by T. Gray. Passed 6-1 (Against: McGrew)

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM

Phil Dechert

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Jeffrey D. Mathias  
Clerk, Norwich Planning Commission

**approved: September 14, 2006**