

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 25, 2007

Tracy Hall - Conference Room

Members Present: Adele Fulton, Tom Gray, Ralph Hybels, Jaye Pershing Johnson, Jeffrey Mathias, Lynn McGrew, Richard Stucker

Members Absent: Daniel Johnson, Alison McRee

Staff: Phil Dechert

Public: Neil Fulton

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

1. *Approve Agenda* -

Procedure: Agenda approved by **unanimous consent**.

2. *Comments from the Public* - received during appropriate agenda items.

3. *Announcements* -

VLCT has resources available for training sessions, perhaps for town plan development.

R. Stucker arrived at 6:50 p.m.

4. *Zoning Regulation Revisions – Revisions of Draft Zoning -
3.15 Driveways (1/18/07 draft)*

Action: Motion by J. Mathias to approve the 1-18-07 draft of Section 3.15. Second by T. Gray.

The following friendly amendments were included:

In (C), renumber all paragraphs making (1) an introductory paragraph.

In (D)(1)b, strike and replace “and, with the concurrence of the fire and police chiefs, emergency vehicles” with “; and”.

In (D)(1)c, strike “as it relates to emergency vehicles”.

In (D)(1)c, insert “for emergency vehicles” after “same”.

In (D)(1)c iv), strike and replace “Improve” with “Improving”.

In (D)(1)c and (D)(2), and punctuation.

In (D)(2), make reference to 3.14 (D).

Passed unanimous.

3.14 Fire Protection (1/24/07 draft)

Action: Motion by R. Stucker to approve the 1-24-07 draft of Section 3.14. Second by J. Johnson. The following friendly amendments were included:

Reorder the sub paragraphs so D becomes A and A becomes D.

In B, add to the end of the sentence “that meets the requirements of NFPA 13D”.

In C, strike and replace “systems” with “system that meets the requirements of NFPA 13D”.

In the new D, insert after “structures” “that are not subject to the criteria in paragraphs B and C”.

In the new D, strike “an”.

In the new D, strike the first occurrence of “system”.

In the new D, strike and replace the remaining word “system” with “sprinklers”.

Passed 5-1-0 (For: A. Fulton, T. Gray, R. Hybels, J. Johnson, R. Stucker; Against: J. Mathias).

Accessory Dwellings (1/23/07 draft)

L. McGrew arrived at 8:35 p.m.

Action: Motion by A. Fulton to amend (A)(2) by keeping only the first sentence and adding to the end of it: “to create a clustered development”. Second by J. Mathias. **Passed 6-0-1** (For: A. Fulton, T. Gray, R. Hybels, J. Johnson, J. Mathias, R. Stucker; Abstaining: L. McGrew).

Action: Motion by J. Mathias to amend (A) by making a new item from the original second sentence of (A)(2), referencing Section 5.07, and renumbering other subparagraphs as appropriate. Second by A. Fulton. . **Passed 6-0-1** (For: A. Fulton, T. Gray, R. Hybels, J. Johnson, J. Mathias, R. Stucker; Abstaining: L. McGrew).

Action: Motion by A. Fulton to amend the original (A)(3) by striking and replacing “2000” with “1600”. Second by J. Mathias. **Passed unanimous.**

Action: Motion by J. Mathias to approve Section 4.14 (A). Second by L. McGrew. Friendly amendment added to amend (A)(6) by adding the following second and third sentences between the original two sentences: “Only the principle dwelling or the accessory dwelling may be rented at one time. The owner may apply to the Zoning Administrator for up to a one year occupancy exemption.”

Passed unanimous.

Action: Motion by J. Mathias to approve Section 4.14 B and C and the associated definitions. Second by R. Stucker. Friendly amendments included the following”

Make (B)(6) the same as (A)(6).

In (B), strike and replace “one detached apartment” with “one apartment”.

NOTE: A motion to adjourn was made before disposing this motion.

5. *Minutes - 11/30/06, 12/14/06, 1/11/07 - skipped*

6. *Comments from the Public - none*

7. *Adjournment -*

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 - 6:30 PM.

Procedure: Motion to adjourn by R. Stucker. Second by A. Fulton. **Passed unanimous.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jeffrey D. Mathias
Clerk, Norwich Planning Commission

Approved February 8, 2007