

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 31, 2008

Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

Members Present: Daniel Johnson, Tom Gray, Richard Stucker, Lynn McGrew

Members Absent: Adele Fulton, Jaye Pershing Johnson, Ralph Hybels

Staff: Phil Dechert

Public: John Lawe, John Carroll, Ed Childs

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Approve Agenda - The agenda was approved with two additions by **unanimous consent**.

2. Comments from the Public - None

3. Announcements & Correspondence – None

4. Review of 1-23-08 Zoning Draft

Review Schedule –

Ed Childs stated the Selectboard would like to warn a public meeting for the Zoning Regulations by the end of February for a hearing in late March. The Selectboard generally supports the new regulations except for a few specific issues that have been identified. He would like to keep the process moving.

The Planning Commission has scheduled extra meetings on February 5th and 19th to try to finish review of the current draft.

Review Draft-

Section 3.13 Natural & Scenic Features and Section 5.07 – Development Envelope Review

There was further discussion regarding the ability to review features in 3.13(B) - Forest Resources, Wildlife Habitat and Natural Areas, and Historic & Cultural Resources, without more specific inventories and mapping. There will be further discussion at the next meeting. The Chair of the Norwich Conservation Commission will be invited to attend.

An option for Section 5.07(C) – Administrative Review - adding 15 days for review by the Chairs of the Norwich Conservation Commission and the DRB prior to the ZA issuing a waiver was **approved by unanimous consent**.

Section 5.08 – Ridgeline Protection Review - The new section was **approved by unanimous consent**.

Section 4.08(B)(5) – Remove this criteria and allow the restrictions on non-resident employees and retail control traffic. This change was **approved by unanimous consent**.

Section 4.08(C)(7) – Delete “that are characteristic of and.” This change was **approved by unanimous consent**.

Section 5.04(F) – The proposed changes in the 1-23-08 Draft made to comply with statute and eliminate redundancy with Site Plan Review were **approved by unanimous consent**.

Section 6.01(G) – The proposed changes in the 1-23-08 Draft to Site Plan Verification and the elimination of Required Inspections were **approved by unanimous consent**.

Section 6.07 – Several amendments to the proposed changes in the 1-23-08 Draft were proposed. These will be reviewed at the next meeting

5. Minutes – The minutes for 9-27-07, 10-11-07, and 1-24-08 were approved as read.

7. “Town Eating Day” Volunteers and Program

Hybels, J. Johnson, and Fulton were appointed by unanimous consent to represent the planning commission. D. Johnson will also be available.

8. Inclusionary Zoning Subcommittee – Lynn McGrew reported that the committee had been meeting every two weeks and will be submitting a report with recommendations shortly.

10. Adjournment - 9:45 PM

Phil Dechert

APPROVED 2-5-08

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, February 5 – 7 PM – Zoning

Thursday, February 14 - 7 PM – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 19 – 7 PM – Zoning

Thursday, February 28 - 7 PM – Regular Meeting