

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

Members Present: Daniel Johnson, Tom Gray, Richard Stucker, Jaye Pershing Johnson, Brooke Adler

Members Absent: Ralph Hybels, Jeff Goodrich

Staff: Phil Dechert

Others:

Jaye Pershing Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Approve Agenda – Long term schedule and McGrew memo were added to old business. The amended agenda was approved by **unanimous consent**.

2. Comments from the Public – The members welcomed Brooke Adler as a new member.

3. Announcements & Correspondence – None

4. Zoning Draft – Dechert reviewed the Selectboard's latest changes to the Zoning Draft as reflected in two documents:

- TRORC Comments on Zoning Draft With Comments and Changes By Phil – 5-7-08.
- Changes made from 3-22-08 Draft – 5-7-08.

Stucker moved to endorse the changes. The motion was seconded by Adler and passed 5-0.

Dechert was asked to schedule Jens Hilke (ANR – Fish & Wildlife Biologist) for a future meeting to discuss zoning for wildlife corridors.

5. Election of Officers –

Phil Dechert was nominated for Clerk	Elected 5-0
Daniel Johnson was nominated for Chair	Elected 4-0
Tom Gray was nominated for Vice-Chair	Elected 4-0

6. Reading of the Bylaws-

Stucker moved that the reading of the bylaws be waived based on the understanding that all members had recently read them or were about to. The motion was seconded by J. Johnson and passed 5-0.

7. Town Plan

It was agreed that the schedule proposed by Brandy Saxton for completing the town plan is probably too optimistic and a revised schedule is needed. Dechert will work on this for the next meeting.

It was agreed that one or two planning commission members would be assigned to each chapter to coordinate the revision process with outside committees, boards, or town officials. The

members would meet with the groups, explain the process, and work with them on preparing revisions. The proposed assignments are:

- Town History - Stucker
- Current Profile - Hybels
- Housing – J. Johnson, Gray
- Economy - Hybels
- Education - Adler
- Community Services, Facilities and Infrastructure - Dechert
- Transportation - Goodrich
- Energy - Gray
- Natural and Historic Resources - Stucker
- Land Use – Goodrich, D. Johnson
- Regional Planning – D. Johnson
- Implementation

The proposed process:

1. Planning Commission members work with outside committees, boards, or town officials to revise existing draft and gather additional information as needed.
2. PC members report back with revisions.
3. PC schedules regular meetings on specific chapters/topics. These will be publicized.
4. When final draft is ready, there will be public meetings.

8. Minutes – April 24, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with minor changes.

9. Adjournment – 9:30 PM.

Phil Dechert

Approved 5/22/08

Future Meetings:

Thursday, May 22 - 7 PM – Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 12 – 7 PM – Regular Meeting