

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2009  
Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Brooke Adler, Ralph Hybels, Tom Gray, Jeff Goodrich, Jaye Pershing Johnson, Richard Stucker

**Members Absent:** Daniel Johnson

**Clerk:** Phil Dechert                      **Others:**

Tom Gray, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**1. Approve Agenda** – Agenda was approved with changes by **unanimous consent**.

**2. Comments from the Public** – None

**3. Announcements & Correspondence** – None

**4. Minutes** – March 26, 2009 minutes approved by **unanimous consent**.

At the recommendation of the Clerk and after discussion, the commission agreed to have a draft version of the minutes posted on the web site prior to final approval. The Clerk shall give the members 24 hours to review the draft before it is posted to determine if there are any egregious errors. This is following the policy of the Selectboard.

Hybels moved to have the Clerk post draft minutes on the Town of Norwich web site after members have had a day to review them for egregious errors. The motion was seconded by Adler and passed 6-0.

**5. Lynn McGrew**

The members of the Norwich Planning Commission, including its Chair, Daniel Johnson, who could not be present at the April 9 meeting, met with shock and sorrow the news that Mr. Lynn McGrew, who ably served on the Commission from 2004 to 2008, had recently passed away. We extend our sympathy to his family, especially his widow, Susan, whom many of us know from her own volunteer work here and to the Town of Norwich in general. Lynn had devoted many hours in recent years as a tireless advocate for environmental conservation and the preservation of the traditional small town character of Norwich. Though no one knew it at the time, the town had bestowed upon him just this past March the most fitting tribute possible by electing him to the Select Board. It is unfortunate, indeed, that he was able to serve only such a brief time representing the people of Norwich in that capacity, which was to be a natural progression from his work as a Commissioner.

**6. Town Plan** –

Transportation Chapter – 2-12-09 Draft - Revisions were made through page 13. A new draft will be distributed for the next meeting.

**7. Jaye Pershing Johnson**

This being Jaye's last meeting, the members and staff thanked her for all her hard work, bountiful knowledge, good humor in the face of adversity, and the pie! We will look forward to her return when time becomes less scarce.

**Adjournment – 9:40 PM**

Phil Dechert

*APPROVED 4-23-09*

**Future Meetings:**

Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting (Inclusionary Zoning Forum)

Wednesday, May 6 at 7 PM – Forum on Roads and Recreation Facilities

Thursday, May 14 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting