

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

Members Present: Brooke Adler, Tom Gray, Daniel Johnson, Ralph Hybels, Richard Stucker,
Members Absent: Jeff Goodrich, Anne Silberfarb **Clerk:** **Others:**

Tom Gray, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

1. Approve Agenda – The draft agenda was discussed, and agreement was reached to defer item #5 (Open Meeting Policy). Revised agenda was approved by **unanimous consent**.

2. Comments from the Public – None.

3. Announcements & Correspondence – Gray said he has been advised by a member of the Transportation Committee that the Committee is preparing comments on the draft Transportation Goals section of the Town Plan.

4. Minutes – June 11, 2009, minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0-1 (Adler, Hybels, Stucker voted aye; Gray abstained)

5. Town Plan –

Housing Chapter – A motion was made to defer the drafting of an outline for the Housing Chapter due to lack of source material. Motion passed 4-0 (Adler, Gray, Hybels, Stucker).

Schedule for Completing Town Plan – After discussion, the following schedule for completing the draft Town Plan (and consideration of other Commission business) was agreed to by unanimous consent:

July 9: Review draft outline on Housing, hear from Dechert on Inclusionary Zoning draft ordinance, review Transportation Committee comments on draft Transportation Goals.

July 23: Transportation Chapter, Inclusionary Zoning

July 30: Natural & Historical Resources Chapter

August 13: Land Use Chapter

August 27: Energy Chapter

September 10: Education, Economy Chapters

September 24: Housing Chapter

October 8: Regional Planning, Community Services/Infrastructure Chapters

October 22: Discussion & Review

October 29: Discussion & Review

6. Old/New Business –

Open Meeting Policy – The draft Open Meeting Policy provided by the Selectboard was briefly discussed. The Planning Commission agreed that its current work schedule does not provide time for a thorough discussion of the proposed policy, nor does the policy appear to fall within the Commission's area of responsibility. The Commission looks forward to receiving a final

version of the policy from the Selectboard.

Draft Revised Town Plan Energy Chapter Outline – The draft revised outline was discussed and the following were suggested as additions:

- Energy Efficiency should be added to the History and Trends section, in view of the groundbreaking work of Efficiency Vermont.
- “Other” should be removed from the heading “Other & Implementation.”
- Alternative Fuels (e.g., biodiesel) should be added to the Town Vehicles section.

7. Comments from the Public – None.

8. Adjournment – 9:35 PM

Tom Gray

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Future Meetings:

Thursday, July 9 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 23 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting – Transportation Review

Thursday, July 30 at 7 PM – Special Meeting – Natural & Historical Resources Review

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