

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

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

**Members Absent:** **Clerk:** Phil Dechert

Others: Peter Silberfarb, George Clark, John Lawe, Craig Layne, Sharon Racusin

Tom Gray, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Minutes – 7-30-09 - Approved as amended

8-13-09 – No meeting due to a lack of quorum

**Public Session – Review of Draft Natural Resources Chapter of Town Plan v.8-12-09**

Comments submitted in writing by John Taylor, Don McCabe, George Clark, and Kathleen Shepherd were reviewed. The next draft will reflect these recommendations.

Comments submitted in writing by Craig Layne from the Norwich Conservation Commission were reviewed with Layne. The next draft will reflect most of these recommendations. Others will be researched by Dechert.

John Lawe suggested that town plan should support mapping of ground water by the state. The regulation of large withdrawals of groundwater should be considered.

Dechert will find out if state requires a 100 foot setback from vernal pools. He will also send copies of the 2004 *Open Space Priorities – Informal Plan* to the members.

A “Glossary & Definitions” section will be included in the town plan. Dechert will maintain a running list of terms to be included.

**Land Use Chapter v. 8-13-09**

There was a proposal for a new town plan chapter addressing the interrelationship of goals and objectives in the chapters on land use, transportation, housing, and natural resources, and how they are connected through “Smart Growth Principles.” Dechert will work on an outline with Brandy Saxton.

There was further discussion of the Land Use Planning Areas in the Future Land Use Section. The draft will be updated for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

**Future Meetings:**

Thursday, September 10 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting –

Thursday, September 24 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting – Natural Resources

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