

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2014, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Moffatt, Shepherd, Hybels, Manganiello

PC Members Present: Gray,

Members Absent: Lubell, Goodrich

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:** Mary Fowler

Creigh Moffatt, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Minutes** – Previous meetings have been with the Planning Commission
3. **Website** – Dechert will update the membership list on the Norwich.VT.US website.

4. **Affordable Housing Revolving Fund** – The March 2012 Town Meeting “appropriated \$45,000 to recreate a revolving fund to initiate contracts to acquire land suitable for affordable housing, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support of programs to benefit town residents. This money will be returned to the General Fund at the end of 5 years.” (June 30, 2017?) This fund represents community support for affordable housing initiatives and will need to be refunded at the 2017 Town Meeting.

5. **Fire/Police Site for Affordable Housing:** If the current fire and police facilities are moved to another location, the possibility of using the current site for affordable housing is being discussed by town officials and the public. The members fully support this plan and discussed ways to advance this plan by supporting the relocation of fire/police facilities and advocating for affordable housing in the Village. Some members may individually post emails on the list serve.

6. **Additional Affordable Housing Sites** – Additional sites discussed included land along the Route 5 South corridor including Dresden Fields land not needed or suitable for playing fields. The questions were raised regarding the minimum number of units for a project or group of projects to be economically attractive to funding sources.

Adjournment 6:48 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 5/19/14

Future Meetings: Monday, May 19, 2014 – 5 PM Regular Meeting
Tracy Hall Meeting Room

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