

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

**Monday, September 8, 2014, Tracy Hall**

**Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Manganiello, Fowler, Shepherd, Moffatt, Lubell, Hybels

**Members Absent:** Goodrich, Cook

**Clerk:** Phil Dechert   **Others:** Anne Duncan Cooley, Jennifer Wallace

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

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Minutes** – August 4, 2014 minutes were approved as read
3. **Announcements, Reports, Correspondence** – Dechert reported that the Selectboard is not considering the ABC Dairy site for a new Police/Fire facility and all planning is focused on the existing Police/Fire site in the Village. The letter supporting affordable housing at the existing Police/Fire facility if they were to move has not been sent.
4. **Future Meeting Schedules** - The consensus of members is to schedule two meetings a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 5 to 6 PM with the understanding that meetings may be cancelled if not needed. The next meeting will be September 22. There will be no meeting October 13, Columbus Day.
5. **Planning Commission Route 5 South/River Road Mixed-Use Project**  
It is anticipated this will start in early October and will have a strong workforce housing component. Subcommittee members will participate in public sessions and other activities. Dechert will keep the members informed on the process.
6. **Letter & “Fact Sheet”**  
Mary Fowler distributed a preliminary sheet with some Pertinent Facts. There was discussion on the statistics and some ideas on additional information to research. Jennifer Wallace related her story of finding housing in Norwich with limited resources. Members agreed that more of these types of stories would bring an important human element to communicating the reality of lower income residents finding suitable housing. Creigh Moffatt suggested an “assignment” for the next meeting should be to find some additional stories.
7. **Next meeting:** 5 PM Monday, September 22, 2014 –Meeting Room, Tracy Hall

Adjournment 6:09 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

*APPROVED 9/29/14*

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