

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes - PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Monday, March 30, 2015, Tracy Hall

This set of minutes has not been reviewed or approved by the Subcommittee

Regular Meeting

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

Members Absent: Goodrich, Cook, Shepherd

Clerk: Dechert **Others:** Anne Duncan Cooley

Ralph Hybels, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Minutes** – 1-26-15 minutes were approved as read.
3. **Correspondence/Reports** – None
4. **Route 5 South – River Road Study**

Dechert described changes to the Planning Commission's draft report to include more context to the study. The Commission is including additional background material based on:

- 2011 Town Plan,
- Demographic and market trends
- Sustainable Community concepts
 - Affordability, Density and Design, Mobility, Energy Efficiency
- Natural Resource Assessment
 - Area available for future development
- Current Zoning
- Implementation Recommendations -

The next draft will be reviewed at the April 9 Planning Commission meeting.

5. Pilot Project – Energy Efficient Cottages

Discussion continued on the potential for energy efficient small cottages to provide more affordable housing in Norwich. Anne Duncan Cooley reported grant money may be available to support a demonstration project if suitable land is identified. Dechert discussed some possible sites that may become available in the future. He will keep in contact with owners and invite them to meet with the Subcommittee when appropriate.

6. Future Agenda Items:

Determined that key agenda item for our next meeting should be to consult with Phil Dechert regarding potential properties

7. Next meeting: April 27 at 5 PM

Adjournment 6:05 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

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