

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 6, 2015, Tracy Hall**

**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 5:04 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Minutes** – 6-01-15 minutes were approved as read.
3. **Public Comment** - None
4. **Correspondence/Reports** – None

5. **Wheelock Street Plan, Hanover**

Anne Duncan Cooley described the effort in Hanover to develop a high density pedestrian oriented residential development along and south of Wheelock Street. A charette with professional and volunteer planners, engineers, developers, and local citizens was followed by 9 months of weekly meetings of a committee including Planning Board members, Selectboard members, and Affordable Housing Committee members. The concept was a higher density pedestrian/transit friendly developed area close to the downtown and the college.

The proposed plan did not pass a Town Meeting vote required for this type of zoning change. Some felt that not enough communication time was spent to fully explain the plan to a broad cross-section of the community. They will continue working on it.

6. **Options for Affordable Housing in Norwich** –

- a. Brief discussion on finding suitable land in Norwich for projects. Suggestions included a notice/request on Listserv and talking to estate planners and real estate professionals.

7. **Next meeting:** TBD

Adjournment 6:12 PM

*APPROVED 9/28/15*

Phil Dechert, Clerk

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