

**NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE**

Minutes

Monday, August 29, 2016 - Tracy Hall – Downstairs Meeting Room. Attending: Lubell, Shepherd, Manganiello, Fowler, Hybels, Goodrich.

REGULAR MEETING: 5:00 PM

1. Order of Agenda was changed to address item 5.c. first.
2. **Updates**
 - a. Update from the Planning Commission about potential Mixed Use District considerations. See minutes on Norwich website; link may be accessed on listserv as well. This preliminary meeting will be followed by several others to clarify the proposal and to address community questions. The plan remains in a process of development, awaiting economic analysis. Lubell provided a summary of resources for analyzing regional housing needs and available sources of finance for affordable workforce housing.
3. **Comments from the Public**
4. **Minutes of 5-23-16** were approved unanimously with the missing word “Housing” added in 3.a.
5. **Announcements**
6. **Topics for Discussion:**
 - a. The committee needs data about the outcomes and financial impacts on taxes of AH in similar communities.
 - b. As a subcommittee of the Planning Commission, AH subcommittee members need to keep up to date on the PC’s work.
 - c. The committee needs to respond to citizens' concerns by providing accurate information about shrinking town population, sources of tax increases, and other impacts, and by providing opportunities for communication.
 - d. Subcommittee members encouraged to read Lubell’s article on regional housing need at: <http://www.abtassociates.com/Perspectives/August-2016/The-Private-Housing-Market-Friend-or-Foe.aspx>
7. Next meeting was set for October 17, 2016, 5:00 pm, Tracy Hall
8. **Comments from the Public**

Adjourned at 6:00 pm.

APPROVED 10-17-16

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