

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2017, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Goodrich, Manganiello, Hybels, Shepherd, Fowler

Members Absent: Moffatt, Lubell

Clerk: Dechert **Others/Public:** Anne Duncan Cooley, Pam Smith, Will Smith, Dean Seibert, Stuart Richards and others

Ralph Hybels, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

1. Agenda – Approved

2. Comments from the Public –

- a. Dean Seibert – Suggested there should be time during the Planning Commission public presentation for comments between slides
- b. Will Smith – Stated that Route 5 South/River Road Plan is too complex and could be simpler
- c. Dean Seibert – Also felt that there was a need for more rental apartments in existing houses or infill on developed properties.
- d. Stuart Richards – Too many units in the plan. Could use impact fees to fund additional housing. He would like more details on lot sizes and total acres.

Ralph Hybels explained the January 24th Presentation was a Planning Commission project not by the Affordable Housing Subcommittee and many of the comments should be directed to the Planning Commission.

3. Minutes – 10-17-16 and 12-5-16 minutes were approved

4. Announcements, Reports & Correspondence – None

- a. Future Schedule & Agenda - TBD

5. Discuss “FAQ Sheet” Draft

- Submission from Jeff Lubell – Definition of Affordable Housing was reviewed and discussed
 - Submission from Jeff Goodrich – What is Sprawl was reviewed and discussed
 - Submission from Paul Manganiello – Tax Impacts was reviewed and discussed
- All three submissions above will be put on the Affordable Housing web page under resources
- Committee will continue to collect information and use it for a FAQ sheet

6. Compilation of Comments about Affordable Housing made on the Norwich Listserv – Mary Fowler has started compilation project and will send information to Planning Office to be distributed to committee members.

7. The review of the Planning Commission’s proposed presentation for January 24th – was cancelled due to a lack of time. The Planning Commission will have a revised DRAFT at their 1-12-17 regular meeting.

8. Other Business

Ralph Hybels handed out a sheet with his thoughts on AH in Norwich. Members added several suggestions.

Adjournment: 6:00 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 3/20/17

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