

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 2, 2017, Tracy Hall

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:**

**Clerk:** Dechert      **Others/Public:** Norman Levy

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

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Comments from the Public** – None
3. **Minutes** – 7-10-17 minutes were approved.
4. **Announcements, Reports & Correspondence**

Hybels reported Mary Fowler had resigned from the Affordable Housing Subcommittee

5. **Town Plan Status – Jeff Lubell**

Lubell commented on the strong support for the affordable housing program in the draft town plan from both the community at large and the business community at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. There was concern expressed about the potential number of units and the density. The Planning Commission has revised the Town Plan to omit zoning changes accommodating larger mixed-use affordable housing projects in the Route 5/River Road areas from the Plan. The Planning Commission expects to have the new draft to the Selectboard by the end of October and will start reviewing options with the community for affordable housing in the future.

6. **Discussion of current efforts of the Planning Commission to outline a series of public meetings relevant to affordable housing – Jeffrey Lubell**

- a. Lubell led a discussion of options for gathering ideas, opinions, priorities, and engaging people in the process. Ideas included:
  - i. Facilitated larger workshop to receive ideas and opinions on some concepts and strategies
  - ii. working with smaller discussion groups,
  - iii. meeting with existing groups and organizations, and
  - iv. exploring examples of what has worked in other communities and funding sources
- b. The Role of the Affordable Housing Subcommittee might be to assist in organizing and facilitating activities

7. **Other Business** – A request to email members specific announcements of any AH workshops and events. Several members do not check the listserv on a regular basis

8. **Comments from the Public** - None

**Adjournment:** 6:09 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

*APPROVED 10-20-17*

**Future Meeting:** October 30, 2017 at 5 PM

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