

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 30, 2017, Tracy Hall

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** Goodrich

**Clerk:** Dechert      **Others/Public:**

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

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Comments from the Public** – None
3. **Minutes** – 10-20-17 minutes were approved with minor changes.
4. **Announcements, Reports & Correspondence**
  - a. Manganiello will send members a report on “Low Income Housing Tax Credits”
  - b. The Clerk was asked to send notices related to Town Plan hearings and Affordable Housing events to members who may not use the listserv or town email list.
5. **Status of Town Plan Re-adoption**

Lubell reported the Planning Commission is very close to approving a draft to be sent to the Selectboard. A small number of final changes will be reviewed on either November 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Affordable Housing Planning Process**
  - a. Lubell discussed a process starting with “conversations” in smaller meetings with various groups to develop an understanding of common concerns and ideas for developing an overall strategy for approaching the issues. It is important to hear from a broad-base of residents, employers and other stakeholders.
  - b. Prior to these meetings, facilitators may develop topics and talking points.
  - c. Small groups may be from existing organizations, clubs, churches, neighborhoods, etc.
  - d. Eventually there may be larger meetings with presentations on affordable housing options such as Accessory Dwelling Units, housing subsidies, and land use options. Examples of successful strategies and projects in other communities will be looked at.
7. **Other Business** – None
8. **Comments from the Public** - None

**Adjournment:** 6:00 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

*APPROVED 12-4-17*

**Future Meeting:** December 4, 2017 at 5 PM

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