

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, December 14, 2017, Tracy Hall**

Regular Meeting

**Members Present:** Goodrich, Allen, Lubell, Brink, Thoms

**Members Absent:** Horwitz, Brien **Clerk:** Phil Dechert

**Others:** Marcia Calloway, Colin Calloway, Norman Levy, Stuart Richards

Jeff Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

1. **Approve Agenda** – Approved
2. **Meeting Topics and Goals**
  - a. Discuss items on Agenda
3. **Comments from the Public**
  - a. Stuart Richards - He is working on identifying potential Affordable Housing projects of a smaller size like existing Senior Housing (24 unites) and Star Lake Village (14 units). He has already spoken to some landowners and real estate brokers.
4. **Minutes** – 11-9-17 – Approved without changes.
5. **Announcements, Reports, Updates & Correspondence**
  - a. Correspondence
    - i. 12/11/17 Email from Linda Gray of the Energy Committee re: Recommendation to Selectboard re: VT Climate Pledge Coalition – Will be on Agenda for 1-11-18 Planning Commission Meeting for discussion.
    - ii. Ernie Ciccotelli email on 11-28-17 – Will be on Agenda at 1-11-18 Planning Commission meeting for discussion.
  - b. Updates
    - i. Town Plan Draft – Selectboard “received” Town Plan Draft on 12/6/17. They have scheduled two public meetings for:
      1. Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM; and
      2. Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM
    - ii. Enhanced Energy Committee – Proposed determination of “subcommittee” status will be made at the 1-2-18 Enhanced Energy Subcommittee meeting on whether it will be a Planning Commission or Energy Committee subcommittee.
6. **Affordable Housing Program Plan**
  - a. Lubell discussed starting with outreach informal meetings with small groups made up of existing organizations and broad cross-section of the community; and then move to larger public meetings addressing specific topics.
7. **Zoning Regulations Amendment Plan**
  - a. Dechert discussed the proposed process for continuing to update the Zoning Regulations including easier ways for Commission Members to understand the purpose of changes.

**8. Future Meeting Schedule & Agendas**

- a. Next Meeting – January 11, 2018
- b. 12/11/17 Email from Linda Gray of the Energy Committee re: Recommendation to Selectboard re: VT Climate Pledge Coalition
- c. 11-28-17 Email from Ernie Ciccotelli

**9. Public Comment - None**

**Adjournment – 8:17 PM**

Phil Dechert, Clerk

*APPROVED 1-11-18*

**Future Meetings:**

Thursday, December 28, 2017 – No Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting

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