

**NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 2, 2018, Tracy Hall**

Regular Meeting 5:00 PM

Members present: Shepherd, Manganiello, Hybels, Lubell, Moffatt, Goodrich

Members absent: None

Clerk: Phil Dechert, Director of Planning and Zoning

Others/ Public: Stuart Richards, Lisa Holley, Nathan Margolis, Jaci Allen, Daniel Johnson

Ralph Hybels, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

1. **Agenda --** Approved as amended
 - a. **Add under #6 - Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund**
 - i. **Re-authorize and fund**

2. **Comments from the Public –**
 - a. Lisa Holley shared that she is a Teacher at Marion Cross School and knows of five students who have left school this year and Norwich due to the inability of their family to keep affordable housing.

3. **Minutes** of February 5, 2018 were approved.

4. **Announcements, Reports & Correspondence.**
 - a. Correspondence
 - i. Email from Claudette Brochu 1-26-18 with response from Phil Dechert 1-29-18 regarding Affordable Housing Options – Email and response was discussed. The Committee agreed that the Affordable Housing Committee should maintain a list of potential Affordable Housing sites. Manganiello volunteered to keep a list.
 - b. Update
 - i. Status of Town Plan – The Town Plan is still with the Selectboard. Their approved draft will need to be reviewed by PC before they adopt it.
 - ii. Stuart Richards Report on Norwich Affordable Housing, Inc. -
 1. Stuart Richards reported on the new Norwich Affordable Housing, Inc.
 - a. It is a non-profit corporation registered with the State of Vermont. Stuart Richards is the only officer now.
 - b. Purpose is to promote Affordable Housing in Norwich with a focus on appropriate size of projects, location alternatives.
 - c. Richards would like Affordable Housing Subcommittee to support small scale AH projects
 - d. First meeting is Wednesday 4-4-18 at 7PM in Tracy Hall.

5. Affordable Housing Listening Sessions

- a. Future Plan - Lubell
 - i. Small Group Sessions – Gather concepts and strategies
 - ii. Larger Groups Sessions
 - iii. Learning Forums
 - 1. Why limited Affordable Housing
 - 2. Amendment/changes to handout documents
 - 3. Role of Town Government

6. Other Business

- a. **Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund**
 - i. **Re-authorize and fund**
 - 1. Need to re-establish the \$45,000 Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund at the next Town vote.

7. Comments from the Public

- a. Nathan Margolis would like to see an explanation of tax impact of more or less students in school system.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 4-30-18

Future Meeting: TBD

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