

NORWICH 2019 TOWN PLAN NEWS RELEASE

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Norwich — The Planning Commission will be hosting a series of public outreach events in the coming weeks to share progress on the Town Plan Update and solicit input on key questions related to the Plan.

“For the past few months, the Planning Commission has been gathering input and fact-checking with an array of highly engaged committees and interest groups in our community. We now want to take what we’ve learned and invite the general public to comment on key questions being posed for the new Plan,” said Jaci Allen, Norwich Planning Commission Chair.

“This Town Plan process features a range of public outreach events scheduled at different times and venues in an effort to accommodate people going about their daily lives” Rod Francis, Norwich Planning Director said. To ensure the broadest range of public involvement, some events will be virtual meetings hosted in the lunch-time hour, where participants can join by phone. Others will be held at the same time as Movie Night at the library, which offers a childcare option for families with children aged 8 and up.

This week the Planning Commission will kick-off informal discussion with an Economic Development Roundtable at the Norwich Bookstore, gathering outside in the Square behind the store, on Wednesday, July 10, from 12:30 to 1:30. (Tracy Hall Multi-Purpose Room in the event of rain) Questions explored will include: What can the Town do to foster the ‘right’ kind of economic development for Norwich? How can we grow the jobs and businesses we want?

On Thursday, July 11, from 6:15 to 7:45pm, the Planning Commission will host a discussion on Land Use, Energy, and Transportation at the Tracy Hall Multi-purpose Room.

More events will be held through summer and fall. For a complete listing and useful background documents visit <http://norwich.vt.us/town-plan-2019/>