

Norwich PC Land Use subcommittee

meeting Aug 24 2023 6:37pm

Members present: Stuart Richards, Ernie Ciccotelli, Bob Pape

Public present: Stephen Gorman, Jack Cushman

1 Agenda

Agenda approved 3-0

Public comment on agenda – Jack Cushman questioned the reference F cited in section 3 of the agenda, specifically the inclusion of what he described as a self-published climate change denial book by a fund manager whose other publication is an office joke book. JC brought several peer-reviewed scientific publications which he felt would be more appropriate. (Papers will be forwarded for inclusion in next meeting packet)

2 Public Comment

Stephen Gorman commented regarding the consideration of climate change and population growth in planning and land use [text to be forwarded for inclusion in packet?]

3 Review of Section 1 and 2 of Town Plan

The subcommittee and public engaged in a discussion of the objectives and goals of the land use subcommittee. EC said sustainability should more prominently guide planning and land use. BP said the zoning and town regulations which limit affordable housing and ADU options should be reviewed. SR said the results from question 4 of the 2005 Town survey and question 6 of the 2018 town survey direct us to recognize the town's desire for no or modest growth.

Discussion then turned to what pathway would be used to move forward on the subcommittee's work. Agreement among the group members (and public present) was to produce a list of suggested edits/additions/changes to the town plan, possibly in prep for the next Town plan

In the remaining time, edits were made to Section 1 (Introduction) of the 2020 Norwich Town Plan, most related to the inclusion of sustainability in planning. [Edits will be included in the next meeting packet]

4 Review and approve minutes of 8/15/23

Minutes approved 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:31