

Norwich PC Land Use subcommittee meeting Aug 15 2023

Members Present: Stuart Richards, Ernie Ciccotelli, Bob Pape

Public: Jack Cushman

Meeting opened 6:30 pm

1. Organization

Richards selected as moderator for group (3-0)

2. Approve agenda

Motion passed 3-0

3. Public Comment

Jack Cushman urged the group to consider the climate crisis and climate change in any discussion of the town plan. He referenced Norwich Article 37 - passed in 2018, directing the PC and other committees to make local climate and resilience strategies a principle theme of the town plan- and also the conclusions of the Vermont Climate Assessment.

4. Decide on name

“Land Use Subcommittee” selected as name for group

5. Discussion of how to proceed

SR suggested itemizing issues to address (Land use, environmental concerns, affordable housing)

EC proposed using a definition of sustainability as established by the UN and addressing sustainability within the town plan

BP asked about ADU progress/interest/restrictions within town, as well as zoning ordinances which prevent multi-family use of existing buildings.

How to frame the overall goals and expectations was discussed. Consensus was reached that the next meeting would review town plan sections 1 (Purpose) and 2 (Land Use, 2.1-2.8) on August 24

Meeting adjourned at 8:11

APPROVED 08-24-2023

