

**NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

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Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86340389705>

Meeting ID: 863 4038 9705

Members Present: Melissa Horwitz (C), Brian Loeb, Jaci Allen, Jeff Goodrich, Ernie Ciccotelli, Jeff Lubell, Leah Romano

Public Present: Linda Cook

Staff: Rod Francis

**Meeting Opened:** 6:34pm

1. Approve Agenda  
Allen moved and Goodrich seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried: 7  
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2. Meeting Objectives:
  - Report on Town Plan action items
  - Discuss Affordable Housing Subcommittee Recruitment
  - Report from Wastewater working group
  - Debrief on town plan process
3. Comments from the Public. None
4. Review and approve Minutes June 24, 2020  
Allen moved and Romano seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 4-23-20. Motion carried 6 – 0 - 1.
5. Announcements, Reports, Updates & Correspondence
  - Correspondence: Tucker Hill Rd Solar Project. Francis summarized the policy from 2020 Town Plan which presumes 'preferred status', *except where* the site is located in an overlay zoning district ensuring natural and cultural resource protection (see Plan policy 3-2.h page 22). This site is in the Ridgeline Protection Overlay district.
  - Updates
    - i. TRORC: Francis reported that the regional plan was approved. The 6-town Regional Energy Coordinator appointment was announced
  - Reports (None)
6. Report on Town Plan action items Allen updated the meeting on feedback received from officers, commissions and committees that received a copy of action items which they are responsible for under the 2020 town plan.
7. Discuss Affordable Housing Subcommittee Recruitment (Jeff Lubell)  
Application from Gordon Greenfield

After discussing the application from Gordon Greenfield Lubell moved and Goodrich seconded a motion to appoint Greenfield to the Affordable Housing Subcommittee (AHSC). Motion carried 7 – 0.

A mission statement and draft bylaws will be available for discussion at the next meeting.

8. Report from wastewater working group (WWWG). Romano reported that the working group had no additional comments on the draft scoping statement and felt that it served the intended purpose of framing the issue for any subsequent grant applications for funding a study.

The working group will develop a “menu of topics” for further review.

The working group asked that this topic stay on future agendas

Goodrich expressed that he was not in favor of this draft scoping statement and asked how he could engage directly with this working group on this issue.

Commissioners discussed next steps for the working group.

Commissioners sought an update on the situation with Marion Cross School (MCS) septic system. Horwitz informed Commissioners that Tom Candon of the MCS Board has indicated an interest in discussing the topic of wastewater

9. Debrief on town plan process (Leah Romano) Deferred.
10. Other Business. (None)
11. Future Meeting Schedule & Agendas
  - Wastewater Working Group: study scope (August)
  - 2020 Town Plan: Debrief (September)
  - AHSC guidance for working groups under Open Meeting Law (OML) (September)
12. Comments from the Public (None)

Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm

**Future Meetings:**

**Thursday August 27, 6:30pm Regular Meeting**

**Thursday September 24, 6:30pm Regular Meeting**

**APPROVED 8-27-2020**