

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 22, 2010, Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

**Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Richard Stucker, Ralph Hybels, Brooke Adler, Anne Silberfarb, Tom Gray

**Members Absent:** Daniel Johnson, Jeff Goodrich

**Clerk:** Phil Dechert                      **Others:** Justin Hybels

Tom Gray –Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

1.     **Agenda** – Approved.

2.     **Minutes** – 7-08-10 - Approved as amended.

3.     **Reports**

Dechert reported a bond vote for funds to purchase and renovate the Parsonage at 306 Main Street is tentatively scheduled for September 14. The Selectboard is holding a series of public meetings on Wednesday evenings to discuss the proposed purchase.

King Arthur Flour is moving ahead with their plans for expansion and may have enough on-site wastewater capacity to not need a sewer hook-up to Hartford. They are expected to be scheduled for Site Plan Review by the DRB starting on September 16. The Planning Commission is not a party to these hearings, but may participate in the Act 250 hearing process. Gray will draft a letter to the Valley News reporter regarding errors in the article on KAF and sewer capacity along Route 5 South.

Gray reported on a Vital Communities proposal presented to the Upper Valley Transportation Management Association on July 15 to obtain federal grant money for developing a regional model of a sustainable land use pattern modeled on transit oriented development principals. Dechert will follow up on this.

4.     **Town Plan** –

a.     **Implementation Chapter** –An updated version of the document, “Implementation Priorities” with objectives and actions grouped by Chapter/Topic and then grouped within Chapter/Topic by “New” and “Continue” was reviewed. A second document, Implementation Program, will include several major theme based implementation priorities based on related objectives and actions taken from any of the town plan chapters. A draft of the first theme, “Energy Efficient Sustainable Development” included a short paragraph followed by a list of the objectives/actions supporting the theme. We will continue with additional themes.

Some members questioned the lack of reference to “rural character” in the various implementation documents.

b.     **Regional Plan** – A draft prepared by the consultant was reviewed. A revised version will be ready for next the meeting.

c.     **Other Town Plan Projects** – Dechert will be updating drafts of the Education Chapter and Historic Preservation Chapter based on comments received. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 8-12-10

**Future Meetings:** Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 7 PM

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