

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2012, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Daniel Johnson, Brooke Adler, Anne Silberfarb, Richard Stucker, Tom Gray, Jeff Goodrich, Ralph Hybels

Members Absent:

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:** Liz Spellman, VLS

Daniel Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Comments from the Public** – None
3. **Minutes** – 3-22-12 – Approved without changes.
4. **Announcements & Reports & Correspondence**
 - a. TRORC hearings for Regional Plan Revisions are scheduled for May 2 and June 11. Copies of the proposed changes will be sent to the members. There do not appear to be any significant land use changes impacting Norwich.
 - b. Gray reported that the Capital Facilities Planning and Budgeting Committee had, at the request of the Town Manager, reviewed proposals from engineering consultants for designing and permitting a repair or replacement of the town pool dam. The Town Manager will make a recommendation at the next Selectboard meeting. Gray also reported that the permitting process for a new communication tower for emergency services and public works is moving along.
 - c. Dechert attended a Form Based Code workshop, a VLCT zoning law workshop, and an organizational meeting of the East Central Vermont Sustainability Consortium.
5. **Membership** –

Discussion continued on finding a replacement for Brooke Adler who requested to not be appointed to another term. Members will contact potential candidates and suggest they submit a request to the Selectboard if interested in an appointment to the Planning Commission.
6. **Subdivision Regulation Revisions** – (Note: As an accommodation to Goodrich, the storm water discussion was at the beginning of the meeting)

Storm Water Management and Erosion Control 3.5 –A revised draft was submitted by Jeff Goodrich prior to the meeting with many proposed revisions generally of a technical nature. Most changes were accepted. Dechert will research a definition of “qualified designer” and see if some of the specifications in sections A through F are already addressed in the state manuals.

A complete 4-12-12 draft of the revised subdivision regulations was distributed to the members along with a revised summary of changes. Digital copies will be emailed. Ongoing revisions to Section 3.5 are not included in this version.
7. **Route 5 South/River Road Planning Area Project Area Project** -

Dechert gave an update on the review of potential onsite wastewater capacity of specific

areas based on NCRS Soil Mapping. Additional soil data is being obtained from soil pit results on permit application plans for permitted wastewater systems on the DEC wastewater permit website.

8. Thank You

The members expressed their gratitude to Brooke for her four years of service on the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 4/26/12

Future Meetings: Thursday, April 26 at 7 PM
Thursday, May 10 at 7 PM

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