

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2012, Tracy Hall

**This set of minutes has not been reviewed or approved by the Planning Commission**

**Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Ralph Hybels, Tom Gray, Susan Brink, Richard Stucker, Daniel Johnson

**Members Absent:** Anne Silberfarb, Jeff Goodrich

**Clerk:** Phil Dechert **Others:**

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

1. **Comments from the Public** - None
  2. **Minutes** – 10-25-12 – approved with minor changes.
  3. **Announcements & Reports & Correspondence**
    - Gray reported that the evaluation of the fire, police, and public works facilities is moving slowly. A bond vote for new construction is not anticipated until 2014.
    - The Norwich Pool Replacement Project is starting the permitting phase.
    - The Selectboard Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for November 27 at 7 PM.
  4. **Subdivision Regulation Revisions** –
    - a. The review of a system for determining maximum PUD density for a previously subdivided lot was continued with an updated narrative and a calculation sheet. Dechert will continue to test the formula and refine the calculation sheet, and create a excel spreadsheet with examples.
    - b. The Public Hearing for the Amendments to the Subdivision Regulations is scheduled for December 13 at 7 PM.
  5. **Other Business:**
    - a. Virginia Close Remembrance – Hybels presented a letter to be sent to the family, placed in the Valley News, and read at the Tracy Hall gathering. A copy is attached to these minutes.
    - b. Communication Tower – Members expressed concern that there was not a clear comprehensive explanation of the costs, sources of funds, and the impact of delaying the project.
5. Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

*APPROVED 11/29/12*

**Future Meetings:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 7 PM – Public Hearing/Subdivision Regulation Amendments & Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 7 PM – Regular Meeting - Tentative

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Dear Loved Ones of Virginia Close and the General Citizenry of Norwich,

As many of the members of the Norwich Planning Commission—past and present—recall, Virginia Close was the most regular attendee at our meetings for years. When she was quiet, which was almost always, she was attentive—when she spoke, she was outspoken. More than once we saw her speak truth to power, her natural diffidence and the frailness of her small frame belied by the conviction of what she believed to be right, good, and true.

A candle behind a screen, Virginia was a strong, thoughtful, gentle soul.

In recent years, it became too much a physical challenge for her to attend our meetings, but we often thought her there nonetheless. Similarly, we see her still in the Town Clerk's office, hour-after-hour squinting at those odd squiggles on ancient Norwich land deeds, marriage certificates, and other town records, having volunteered to transcribe them to a digital form.

Virginia cared passionately about bringing history to the present—it was one of her gifts to the future.

Thank you, Virginia. May you rest in peace.

Sincerely,

The Norwich Planning Commission

Thomas Gray, Chair  
Richard Stucker, Vice Chair  
Phil Dechert, Clerk  
Susan Brink  
Jeffrey Goodrich  
Ralph Hybels  
Daniel Johnson  
Anne Silberfarb