

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2015, Tracy Hall

**Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Goodrich, Lubell, Brien, Horwitz

**Members Absent:** Brink, LaRowe, Allen

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

Jeff Goodrich, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

1. New members Chris Brien and Melissa Horwitz were welcomed to the Commission. Both new and old members introduced themselves with some background information.
2. **Agenda** – Approved
3. **Election of Officers** – Deferred to next meeting.
4. **Comments from the Public** - None
5. **Minutes** – 2-12-15 – Approved without changes; 4-9-15 – Deferred to next meeting.
6. **Announcements & Reports, Correspondence** – None
7. **Route 5 South/River Road Study** - Review of Draft Study – 5-22-2015  
Dechert and Lubell presented background on the history and current state of the project. Additional topics discussed included:
  - Modifications to the scope of the study – narrow focus
  - Costs of new housing and infrastructure
  - Additional sources of funding for affordable housing projects
  - How to use the study
    - Who is going to use it
    - Modifications to zoning regulations
    - Building support for diversified housing
  - Support for affordable housing versus concern with too much development
8. **Zoning Regulation Revisions**  
Pete Fellows from TRORC will attend the next meeting on June 11 to discuss options for addressing state resiliency policies in the zoning regulations with regard to river corridor management for fluvial erosion hazards and flood hazards. The current mark-up draft of the *Flood Hazard & River Corridor Regulations* was distributed and will be emailed to members before the next meeting.
9. **Adjournment** 8:25 PM.

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 6/11/15

**Future Meetings:** June 11, 2015      7 PM Regular Meeting

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