

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2017, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Brink, Horwitz, Allen, Lubell

Members Absent: Goodrich, Brien, Thoms **Clerk:** Phil Dechert

Others: Anne Garrigue, Stuart Richards, Linda Cook, Tammy Heesakker

Susan Brink, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approve Agenda** – Approved
2. **Meeting Topics and Goals**
 - a. Request TRORC to provide support for Act 174 Enhanced Energy Planning
 - b. Draft Town Plan
 - i. Review public comments from 7-13-17 Hearing
 - ii. Review changes in 7-25-17 Draft
3. **Comments from the Public**
 - a. Stuart Richards – Suggested PC establish goals for affordable housing and research existing inventory.
 - b. Tammy Heesakker - What other models around the country are being considered as something good to emulate? What are we doing?
 - c. Jeff Lubell suggested both these are issues for the Commission to discuss at the proposed AH visioning sessions this fall.
4. **Minutes** – 6-22-17 and 7-13-17 (Public Hearing) – Approved without changes.
5. **Announcements, Reports, Updates & Correspondence**
 - a. Comments based on draft Town Plan prepared for 7-13-17 hearing are on the web site.
6. **TRORC Enhanced Energy Planning Project**
 - a. The Commission endorsed a request for RPC Support for Act 174 Enhanced Energy Planning for the Town Plan. The purpose is to allow the town more control over siting of renewable energy projects in the PSB application review process.
7. **Town Plan Draft Revisions**
 - a. The Commission reviewed the July 25 draft Town Plan with mark-ups based on comments at the July 13 Hearing, written comments submitted, and discussions with individual members. Based on the review, additional changes will include updating some data, maps, and charts; and revisions to the narrative.
 - b. The proposed future hamlets discussed in the Future Land Use section with general areas depicted on the Future Land Use Map #11 may not be feasible due to natural resource limitations on development and permanent conservation easements. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Future Meeting Schedule & Agendas

- a. August 10, 2017 – No Meeting
- b. August 17, 2017 – Regular Meeting (note schedule change)
- c. August 24, 2017 – No Meeting

Adjournment: 8:36 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 8-17-17

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, August 10, 2017 – No Meeting
- Thursday, August 17, 2017 – Regular Meeting (note schedule change)
- Thursday, August 24, 2017 – No Meeting
- Thursday, September 14, 2017 – Regular Meeting

List of future action items:

- a. Review additional changes to Town Plan Draft
- b. Hamlets

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