

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2017, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Horwitz, Allen, Lubell, Goodrich, Thoms, Brien

Members Absent: Brink **Clerk:** Phil Dechert

Others: Stuart Richards, Marcia Calloway, Colin Calloway, Linda Cook

Jeff Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. **Approve Agenda** – Approved as amended – Process for addressing Affordable Housing
2. **Meeting Topics and Goals**
 - Town Plan Status
 - Affordable Housing Plan
3. **Comments from the Public**
4. **Minutes** – 8-17-17 – Approved without changes.
5. **Announcements, Reports, Updates & Correspondence**
 - a. Enhanced Energy Plan with TRORC – Waiting for TRORC
 - b. TRORC Water Quality Program – Goodrich updated send link
6. **Town Plan Draft Revisions**
 - a. Discussed latest Town Plan Draft including changes from last version
 - i. References to Hamlets has been eliminated
 - ii. Most tables were updated by consultant. Jeff Lubell will coordinate the updating of additional tables. Decennial Census data will not be updated until after the 2020 census is available.
 - iii. Wetlands – Dechert submitted a revised version which Goodrich will review.
 - iv. Richards requested members review the 2005 Survey and results. Dechert will send these to members.
 - b. Schedule – Final Draft Ready for September 28th meeting
7. **Future Affordable Housing Planning Process -**
 - a. Visioning Sessions – small groups with facilitator
 - i. Guiding principles and goals
 - ii. Strategy
 - b. Sessions on specific topics
 - i. School population and taxes
 - ii. Housing subsidies
 - iii. Accessory Dwelling Units and other revisions to zoning
 - c. Public Opinion Survey

8. Future Meeting Schedule & Agendas

- a. Finalize Town Plan at September 28, 2017 Meeting
- b. Continue Affordable Housing process discussion
- c. Zoning Updates

9. Public Comment

- a. Richards said text boxes in current Town Plan with information from 2005 survey are not accurate?

Adjournment – 7:55 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 9/28/17

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, September 28, 2017 – Regular Meeting
- Thursday, October 12, 2017 – Regular Meeting

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