

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2008  
Tracy Hall - Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Daniel Johnson, Tom Gray, Richard Stucker, Lynn McGrew, Ralph Hybels

**Members Absent:** Jaye Pershing Johnson, Adele Fulton

**Staff:**                      **Consultant:** Brandy Saxton

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Approve Agenda -** The agenda was approved by **unanimous consent**.

**2. Comments from the Public –** None.

**3. Announcements & Correspondence –**

**4. Town Plan –** Review with Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense.

Town Profile/Fiscal Impact of Growth – Saxton spoke about methods for growth projections and noted that projections are substantially changed from current plan due to new figures but the tone and direction are the same. Many questions were raised regarding the Fiscal Impact of Growth figures. It was agreed that there were additional factors to be taken under consideration such as declining student populations and state tax policies. Some of these issues should be discussed with Finance Committee members.

Energy- The energy section will remain as is for now. The board will work with the Energy Committee on an update.

Housing – Discussion about Kennedy study. McGrew discussed impact of wealthy families sending children to other schools. Stucker would like that noted in Town Plan. Saxton discussed ideal number of pupils. McGrew will give Saxton numbers from Irv Thomae about data he has on subject. Saxton suggested adding capital program.

Transportation – McGrew stated I-91 was not finished until '71-2. Gray would like the sufficiency rating explained; Saxton will add table she has. Saxton brought up Congestion/physical characteristics. Hybels noted on p. 14 should be informed by ordinance – Trails. Saxton will add to section. McGrew discussed discussion to add Bus Route going to American Legion (25 spaces). Johnson would like to see recommendation on driveway access to encourage fewer cuts. Stucker said that private highways were changed pursuant to discussions with Dechert. Stucker discussed increase in congestion due to playing fields and possible student parking. Saxton will try to include final plan from “committee” (previously discussed with you).

Send any specific comments on Land Use by April 18<sup>th</sup> all other sections of the drafts by April 25<sup>th</sup> directly to Brandy Saxton with copies to other members and the Planning Coordinator. Saxton would like to come back to Planning Commission on May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**5. Zoning Draft**

**Selectboard Public Meeting** – Hybels noted that the Selectboard decided not to discuss zoning at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting until Phil Dechert can be available.

**6. Minutes** – March 13, 2008 meeting minutes approved with minor change. “NCC Venal Pool Inventory” changed to “NCC Vernal Pool Inventory.” Approved 4-0-1, Johnson abstaining.

**7. Adjournment** – 9:03 PM.

Thomas Gray,  
Edited by Phil Dechert

*Approved 4-24-08*

**Future Meetings:**

Thursday, April 24 - 7 PM – Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 8 - 7 PM – Regular Meeting