

Town of Norwich
Affordable Housing Sub-committee
Draft Minutes
November 16, 2020

Location: Act 92 compliant virtual Open Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Jeff Lubell (Chair), Jeff Goodrich, Paul Manganiello, Brian Loeb, Kathleen Shepherd, Ralph Hybels, Gordon Greenfield

Public Present: Doug Wilberding, Pamela Smith, Andrew Winter

Staff: Rod Francis

Meeting called to Order: 6:05pm

- 1) Approve Agenda: Manganiello moved and Shepherd seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 2) Comments from the Public: none.
- 3) Approve Minutes of September 21, 2020: Manganiello moved and Shepherd seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 4) Review of Publicly-Owned Land in Norwich: Francis presented maps showing lands owned by the Norwich Fire District. Members discussed attributes of various parcels and their potential for affordable housing development.
- 5) Discussion of potential op-ed: members discussed the revised op-ed intended for submission to *The Valley News*, and agreed to send it with three signatures on behalf of Affordable Housing Subcommittee.
- 6) Announcements, Reports & Correspondence: The Subcommittee agreed to discuss the material submitted by Doug Wilberding in more detail at the next meeting, where they will continue their investigation of possible sites suitable for affordable housing development.
- 7) Other Business: none
- 8) Comments from the Public: Doug Wilberding made an offer to show anyone interested the land near Gile Mountain on Turnpike Road that he suggested was potential site for development.

Andrew Winter (Twin Pines Housing Trust) thanked the Subcommittee for allowing him to join the meeting and commented that the latest discussions around guidelines for accessing Federal and Vermont government funding for affordable housing indicate that development will be more firmly directed to designated village centers and neighborhood development areas and away from ‘greenfield’ dispersed or remote development.
- 9) Meeting Adjourned: the subcommittee identified the following items for inclusion in the next agenda:
 - a) Other Public Lands
 - b) Fire Department Lands
 - c) Other land options including donated landManganiello moved and Loeb seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Francis