

## Norwich PC Minutes -10/10/23

Members Present: Ernie Ciccotelli, Vince Crow, Jeff Goodrich, Stuart Richards, Jaan Laaspere, Bob Pape, Kris Clement

Public: Elissa Close

Meeting Opened: 6:34 pm

### 1. Approve Agenda:

Goodrich moved, seconded by Ciccotelli, to approve the agenda.

### **Motion passed via consensus**

### 2. Public Comment on items not on the agenda

N/A

### 3. Correspondence

Laaspere stated that VTrans is conducting a survey of towns along a proposed bicycle corridor on Route 5 in order to gauge interest and potential involvement in the project.

The group had consensus that this would be positive for Norwich and the surrounding communities, and that there are potential grants to fund the projects.

Goodrich volunteered to reach out to VTrans to determine the next step.

Elissa Close read from a letter to the Land Use subcommittee (see attached) stating the importance of considering the impact of development on nature and limit development.

### 4. Chair Report

Laaspere stated that the AHSC is aiming for the January deadline for the New Boston Rd planning grant.

The group had consensus to establish a Bike/ Pedestrian subcommittee in regards to the previously discussed bicycle corridor and long range planning for the town. Goodrich and Crow volunteered to join the subcommittee and were empowered by the PC to reach out to Paul Manganiello and Peter Orner with an invitation to join the subcommittee.

### 5.Planning Commission role, staff and process

The group discussed how to organize documents and correspondence so that it can be easily referenced. Laaspere will investigate the best method to publish the files online

Richards moved, seconded by Goodrich, the PC will use the following guidelines regarding correspondence.

- All opinions and information are welcome
- The documents must be relevant to the PC actions
- Use links to external documents when possible
- State a clear identity of the submitter and context of the material

**Motion passed 6-0**

The group discussed the vacant Planning and Zoning staff. The group had consensus that applicant should be willing to learn, be open minded, desires to be an asset to the PC and can interpret and make decisions based on the LUR while being an advocate for the applicant, the Town, and the DRB. Also that the PC is a at the forefront of finding a candidate and directing them

11. Adjourn

Richards moved, seconded by Goodrich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44PM

**Motion passed 7-0**

**Future Meeting**

**PC Meeting – 11/7/23 at 6:30pm at Tracy Hall (also accessible via Zoom)**

Minutes by Vincent Crow on 10/12/23

APPROVED 11/7/23