

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2014, Tracy Hall

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Gray, LaRowe, Johnson, Flynn, Goodrich, Lubell

Members Absent: Brink

Clerk: Phil Dechert **Others:**

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. **Agenda** – Approved
2. **Minutes** – 6-12-14 –approved as read
3. **Announcements & Reports, Correspondence & Updates:**
 - a. Capital Facilities – Tom Gray reported the Selectboard decided to not continue consideration of the ABC Dairy site for Fire/Police facilities. They appear to be interested in new Police facilities at the current site but not Fire and Public Works.
 - b. TRORC - Jeff Goodrich reported that the focus on the commission is on revising town plans to comply with changes in the state statutes
 - c. Dechert explained changes to the open meeting law will have minimal impact on the Planning Commission since changes will be mostly on the timing of posting agendas and minutes. Every Tuesday the Planning office will post the draft minutes of the prior Thursday's meeting and the agenda of the next Thursday's meeting on the website for Planning Commission and DRB.
4. **Affordable Housing**
 - a. A draft letter from the Affordable Housing Subcommittee (AHSC) and the Planning Commission to the Selectboard in support of using the existing Fire/Police site for affordable housing was tabled since it appears the Fire/Police may not move.
 - b. The concept of writing a more general letter in support of affordable housing in Norwich was considered and the AHSC will be asked to draft the letter.
 - c. The next AHSC meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14 at 5 PM in Tracy Hall.
5. **Route 5 South/River Road Mixed Use Project – RFQ**

Dechert presented the 7-10-14 draft of the RFQ. Discussion and draft changes included:

 - Wastewater suitability tasks removed – the \$2,400 will be reserved for later leaving \$9,600 in the project
 - Long discussion on the purposes and best approach
 - Balance between public participation and professional planning
 - More direction in tasks

Dechert will re-draft RFQ for next meeting.

Adjournment 8:50 PM

Phil Dechert, Clerk

APPROVED 7/24/14

Future Meetings: Thursday, July 24, 2014 – 7 PM Regular Meeting

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