

Norwich PC Minutes 10/14/2025

Members Present: Jaan Laaspere, Bob Pape, Christian Spalding, Ernie Ciccotelli, Vince Crow

Zoning Administrator: Steven True

Public Present: Matt Swett, Linda Grey, Amy Stringer, Mary Albert, Kathleen Shepard

Meeting Opened: 6:33 pm

1. Open Regular Meeting

2. Approve Agenda

Ciccotelli moved, seconded by Spalding, to approve the agenda

Motion passed 5-0

3. Public comment on items not on agenda

N/A

4. Discussion of TRORC Future Land Use Map

The group discussed the draft for the Future Land Use and will set a future agenda item for the PC to develop a suggested updated to the map and draft a letter to the TRORC.

5. Discussion Enhanced Energy work plan

The group the discussed assembling a working group including representatives from other groups in town to develop an Enhanced Energy plan for the town. Its goals would include Analysis and Targets, Implementation actions, and mapping. The PC would cover aspects related to Land Use.

Pape moved, seconded by Ciccotelli, that the PC Chair shall make a formal request of the Energy Committee, Conservation Commission, and Regional and Town Staff to participate in this activity and assign representatives.

Motion passed 5-0

6. Review Draft FY26 Municipal Planning Grant

The group discussed the Municipal Planning Grant application. The group had consensus that the application appropriately covered the intended issue, but needed minor edits.

Ciccotelli moved, seconded by Pape, to authorize the Chair of the PC to sign the Resolution for the Municipal Planning Grant

Motion passed 6-0

The application will be presented to the Select Board at the next meeting for approval before applying.

7. Discussion of STR

The group discussed potential regulations of Short Term Rentals.

The group had consensus that an Interim Bylaw would be the best direction at this time to address this issue, setting Owner Occupied short term rentals as an allowable use in all districts with requirements and restrictions. True will develop clean definitions, conditions and a policy statement for a future agenda item.

8. Approve minutes

Spaulding moved, seconded by Crow, to approve the minutes from 9/30/25 with edits

Motion passed 5-0

9. Adjourn

Papei moved, seconded by Crow, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm

Motion passed 5-0

Future Regular Meeting – 10/14/25 at 6:30 pm at Tracy Hall (also accessible via Zoom)

Minutes by Vince Crow on 11/11/25