

NORWICH PLANNING COMMISSION AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

Discussion Minutes

Monday, Dec. 15, 2025

Hybrid discussion – In person at Tracy Hall and by zoom, started around 6:05 pm.

Attendance: Members: Jeff Lubell, Pete DeShazo. Public: Priscilla Vincent

Note: A formal quorum of subcommittee members was not in attendance, so the group had an informal discussion without taking any official action in lieu of a formal meeting. The discussion is summarized in these minutes.

1. Impact, if any, of proposed short-term rental policy on housing affordability

The group held a brief discussion on this topic. The upshot was that the impact could depend on how many short-term rentals owned by investors are already present in Norwich.

2. Next steps on developing policy for 2+ ADUs

A brief discussion on this topic focused on clarifying the issue – Vermont law requires that towns allow one ADU on every parcel. Norwich has adopted regulations to comply with the law. The question is what policies, if any, should apply to a request to build a second or third ADU. Discussion of substantive approaches will be reserved for a future meeting.

3. Adjourn by 6:30 p.m.