

Norwich PC Minutes 12/9/2025

Members Present: Jaan Laaspere, Christian Spalding, Ernie Ciccotelli, Vince Crow, Mary Gorman

Public Present: Miller Nuttle, Lynnwood Andrews, Brad Wible, Rob Gere, Andy Torkelson

Meeting Opened: 6:31 pm

1. Open Regular Meeting

2. Approve Agenda

Ciccotelli moved, seconded by Crow, to approve the agenda

Motion passed 5-0

3. Public comment on items not on agenda

Miller Nuttle discussed the letter included in the correspondence, stating a group of residents requested the town to consider applying for the VTrans Bike Ped Grant in order to conduct a scoping study to identify potential projects that would improve pedestrian and biking safety. (*Future Agenda Item*)

4. Correspondence

The chair acknowledged receipt of the bike/ped support letter

5. Enhanced Energy Plan

The Planning Commission, Solar Siting Subcommittee, Energy Committee, and Conservation Commission are working to create a town Enhanced Energy Plan.

The Planning Commission will provide overall guidance, coordination and policy decisions. The Solar Siting Subcommittee will focus on process, specifics and mapping. The Energy Plan Working Group will be responsible for identifying needs and scarcities, estimating current energy usage and ways to meet future targets, conservation and efficiency, and transportation related issues. Crow volunteered to join the Energy Plan Working Group as the PC representative.

6. Short Term Rentals

The group discussed the proposed Short Term Rental interim by-law. This would designate owner occupied short term rentals as an allowed use. The chair encouraged members to send edits to Steven True and will send a copy to the AHSC for feedback.

7. Capital Planning

The group discussed the PC's role in the town's Capital Planning project. One option would be developing a capital budget, which would list and describe projects needed in the next 5 years, including the cost and method of finance, ordered by priority.

8. Approve minutes

Ciccotelli moved, seconded by Spalding, to approve the minutes from 11/18/25

Motion passed 4-0 (Gorman abstained)

9. Adjourn

Ciccotelli moved, seconded by Gorman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm

Motion passed 5-0

Future Regular Meeting –1/13/25 at 6:30 pm at Tracy Hall (also accessible via Zoom)

Minutes by Vince Crow on 12/11/25