

Norwich Planning Commission Meeting

03/10/2026

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

Others Present: Stephen True (Zoning Administrator)

1. Open Meeting at 6:33pm

2. Approve Agenda

Spalding moved, seconded by Pape, to approve the agenda

Motion passed 6-0

3. Public Comment not on Agenda

N/A

4. Correspondence on items not on the agenda

N/A

5. Chair Report

Laaspere state that he has had discussions with Matt Swett about working with the Selectboard to improve the visibility of town commissions and committees to promote awareness and participation and will keep the PC updated on this process

6. 2026 Priorities

The group discussed items that need to be prioritized over the next year. Working on items such as Capital Planning, the Enhanced Energy Plan, Solar Siting, Regional Land Use, and Housing can be useful to roll into the Town Plan update in 2028. The Municipal Planning Grant process will start this year, which will develop a mini town plan for the Village District.

7. Subcommittee updates

a) Enhanced Energy Plan Working Group

True provided an update on the recent meeting of the Enhanced Energy Plan Working Group, which includes Crow and Pape as the PC representatives. The goal of the group is to draft an update to the Energy chapter of the Town Plan to include an enhanced energy element to be included in the 2028 update. The group is looking at inputs and comparing the Town Plan to other towns with EE Plans in order to identify shortcomings in the current plan. The group will work with the Solar Siting committee to incorporate their input.

b) Solar Siting

The Solar Siting Subcommittee will meet on 3/17/26

8. Approve Minutes from 2/10/26

The group discussed edits to the minutes from 2/10/26 but a quorum was not met to pass a motion to approve. The minutes will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

Pape moved, seconded by Crow, to adjourn at 7:45pm

Motion passed 6-0.

Future Regular Meeting – 4/14/26 at 6:30 pm at Tracy Hall (also accessible via Zoom)

Minutes by Vince Crow on 3/13/25