

**Foster Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday January 18, 2006  
Eddy Building 7:00 pm**

The Planning Board meeting convened at 7:05 pm. In attendance were John Lewis, Chair, Julia Parmentier, Vice-Chair, Don Moyer, Patricia Moreau, Robin Fish, Mike Carpenter, Richard Grant and Helen Hardy arrived at 7:15pm. The following department heads were in the audience, Police Chief Coyne; School Superintendent Robert Wallace arrived at 7:30pm, Treasurer Jonathan Mitchell, Tom Walden and Recreation Director David Costa. Also in the audience were Joe McGovern – Building & Grounds Supervisor, Ambulance Corp. members Michael Dexter, John Pirzynski, Deborah Branch and Sharon Carter.

**Minutes**

Don Moyer moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2006 as amended, Julia Parmentier seconded, motion carried

**Correspondence**

Letter to Department Heads regarding tonight's meeting schedule

Invitation from the Rhode Island Land Trust Council and the Rhode Island River Council to the upcoming Land and Water Summit scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2006, at URI.

Letter from Statewide Planning granting the extension of the Affordable Housing Plan to February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Letter from Statewide Planning regarding the Comprehensive Plan, giving the Town an extension to submit the Comprehensive Plan by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The State was unable to locate the final submission of the Towns Comprehensive Plan so we will have to send them another copy.

Richard Grant stated that he had received a call from Norbert Therien regarding the placement of the culverts for the Mihailides minor subdivision application, Plat 11, Lot 64, Foster Center Road. Mr. Grant told Mr. Therien that he would have to show culverts that would be able to withstand a 25 year storm.

**Reports**

None

**Public Hearings**

None

**Subdivisions**

None

**Commercial Site Review**

None

**Old Business**

Tabled until the end of the meeting.

**New Business**

Capital Budget discussion with Town Department Heads:

1. **Police Chief Coyne** – The Chief has requested a new vehicle for the department, which would total approximately \$29,000.00. The Chief went on to say that in comparison to doing regular maintenance and repairs to an older vehicle that is more cost effective to purchase the new vehicle.

2. **Engineering Board ( No representative was present for the Board)** - The Engineering Board has requested a total of \$165, 000, \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a New Tanker Truck and \$65,000.00 for a new rescue vehicle.

3. **Town Treasurer – Jonathan Mitchell** – The Treasurer would like to purchase new software for the Finance department which would total \$23631.00 if the payments were stretched over a period of three years or \$20,730.00 if it were paid in one lump sum.

4. **Recreation Director – David Costa** – Mr. Costa is requesting \$149,600.00 in order to build a baseball field at the Issac Paine School.

5. **Richard Grant – Public Works Department** – Richard Grant made the request for the Public Works department, both for Highway and for Building and Grounds. He is requesting \$180,000.00 to construct a more substantial Salt Storage Shed near the Highway Garage and \$100,000.00 for various paving projects.

6. **John Lewis – Planning Board Chair** – The planning board is requesting \$15,000.00 to be used for matching grant funds for a scenic roads grant they are currently considering.

The Board discussed the requests made by the Department Heads with them and members of the audience and made some adjustments to some of the department's requests. **(See attached recommendation letters & spreadsheet)**

Patricia Moreau moved to recommend the Capital Budget amount of \$647,730.00 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to the Town Council, Don Moyer seconded, motion passed 6-1.

**Future Agenda Items**

1. Driveway location for Plat 12, Lot 60, Central Pike/Ponagansett Road
2. Request to have RIDEM conduct a Septic System workshop
3. Subdivision regulations pertaining to alternative septic system designs
4. Ordinance revisions
5. Scenic Roads
6. Conservation Development

7. Possibility of having a Subdivision Suitability workshop
8. New School progress report from the School Building Committee
9. Planning Assistance
10. Economic Development Advisory Committee Recommendations

Robin Fish moved to have the remainder of the Agenda tabled until the next meeting, Julia Parmentier seconded, motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**Adjournment**

Patricia Moreau moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 pm, Mike Carpenter seconded, motion passed unanimously 7-0, meeting adjourned at 11:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helen Hardy  
Secretary