

**Foster Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 17, 2006
Eddy Building 7:00 pm**

The Planning Board meetings convened at 7:30 pm, present were John Lewis – Chair, Julia Parmentier – Vice Chair, Helen Hardy, Don Moyer and Richard Grant. Patricia Moreau, Robin Fish and Mike Carpenter were excused. In the audience were Lucas Chabot, Allan Weidel, Janice Weidel, Haley Weidel, Pamela and Henry Chabot, Ron Cervasio, Heidi Rogers, Gordon Rogers and Tom Mercier.

Minutes

Julia Parmentier moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2006 as amended, Don Moyer seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence

None

Reports

1. Julia Parmentier reported on attending the Groundwater Seminar at the University of Rhode Island.

Public Hearings

None

Subdivisions

None

Commercial Site Review

1. Review of the Commercial Site Review application for Henry Chabot, Plat 21, Lot 26, Danielson Pike for a proposed bait shop; Reason for constructing the bait shop separate from the gun shop is that the bait tanks cause condensation which could damage the guns. John Lewis noted that there were several omissions on the plan: (See attached copy of letter sent to Mr. Chabot regarding the omissions on his site plan.)

Old Business

1. **Comprehensive Plan Update** – Michael Ahnrud of Statewide Planning told John Lewis that the Comp Plan should now go to the Town Council for approval before submission to the Statewide Planning Office for final approval. The Planning Board will ask the Planning Clerk to have paper copies of the revised Comp Plan, plus a CD of the plan provided for the Town Council, for their next scheduled meeting.

2. **Ordinance Revisions** –

a. RFP for Ordinance Revisions – procedure for consultant selection – Don Moyer suggested that the Planning Board be represented in any possible interviews and that the Planning Board review the bids and then forward their recommendations to the Town Council. The timetable; Bids to be opened by the Town Council on June 8, 2006. The Planning Board may have to hold a special meeting on June 14, 2006 to review the bids that are sent in, and then the Town Council could award them on June 22, 2006. Julia Parmentier moved to approve the revised RFP regarding the Ordinance Revisions, Don Moyer seconded, motion carried 4-0.

b. **Continue discussion on ordinances** – This will be on the agenda for the next regular Planning Board meeting.

3. **RIDEM Proposal** to identify/understand the water supply for the State of Rhode Island - Julia Parmentier moved to table this until the next meeting, Helen Hardy seconded, motion carried 4-0.

4. **Planning Challenge Grant** - This Planning grant requires that we hire a consultant to develop a plan for commercial development along Rte. 6. An RFP must be developed and sent out for bids. Julia Parmentier moved to ask the Planning Clerk (Nancy Woodlock) to draft an RFP to be reviewed at the June 7th Planning Board meeting, Don Moyer seconded, motion carried 4-0.

New Business

1. Review of the Comprehensive permitting process as pertains to an Affordable Housing project should one come to the Town Planning Department – John Lewis will forward a draft of the permitting process application and information, along with a cover letter to the Town Solicitor for his opinion as to whether or not the Town will need this.

2. Review of the property on T. Parker Road, Plat 3, Lot 17A, the parcel that Louis Magiera would like to purchase from the Town of Foster in order to access his proposed subdivision in the Town of Scituate – The Board discussed ramifications of the sale of an easement to the Scituate subdivision. The Town Charter states that the Planning Board has advisory capacity to the Town Council on issues regarding the safety and welfare of the Town.

The Board, having heard the explanations of the details of the sale of the right-of-way decided not to make a recommendation to the Town Council concerning the sale of the above mentioned parcel.

Planner's Report

None

Future Agenda Items:

1. Request to have RIDEM conduct a Septic System workshop
2. Subdivision regulations pertaining to alternative septic system designs
3. Ordinance revisions
4. Scenic Roads – Public Hearing
5. Possibility of having a Subdivision Suitability workshop
6. Economic Development Advisory Committee Recommendations
7. RFP for Planning Challenge Grant
8. Comprehensive Permitting Process Review by the Town Solicitor

Adjournment

Julia Parmentier moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 pm, Don Moyer seconded, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helen Hardy
Secretary