

**Foster Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 4, 2006
Eddy Building 7:30 pm**

The Planning Board meetings convened at 7:40pm, present were John Lewis – Chair, Julia Parmentier – Vice Chair, Helen Hardy – Secretary, Patricia Moreau, Don Moyer, Mike Carpenter and Richard Grant- Planner. Robin Fish was excused.

Minutes

Helen Hardy moved to approve the minutes of September 6, 2006, Mike Carpenter seconded, Mike Carpenter and Don Moyer abstained, motion carried 4-0.

Patricia Moreau moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2006, Don Moyer seconded, Helen Hardy, Mike Carpenter and John Lewis abstained, motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence

Reports

Report regarding the Land Trust – Patricia Moreau reported that there was a Greenspace Workshop. She would like to develop maps that I.D. all historic, scenic, sites etc. for protection. This is all funded by the Providence Water Supply Board. Exeter and Richmond along with other communities have done this already. They would like to have as large an attendance as possible at the meetings to I. D. as many sites as possible. She mentioned that Walter May will connect them with the President of the Preservation Society to try and assist. There is a regional meeting to connect the special places in the different communities.

Public Hearings

None

Subdivisions

None

Commercial Site Review

None

Old Business

1. Update on Land Management Grant – John Lewis reported that he notified Statewide Planning regarding the Board's decision not to accept their proposal for the grant. We are still waiting for a response from them.

Helen Hardy moved to commend John Lewis for dealing with the State in such a clear manner regarding this issue, Don Moyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. & 2. Status on the Ordinance Revision contract for Toni Lachowitz- The contract he received from the Town Solicitor Brad Gorham did not include the scope of services on the RFP, and did not address compensation, and therefore Toni had to return the contract. Since he does not have a contract, he did not feel he could address the Board tonight.

3. Schedule Rt. 6 Rezoning Workshop – The rezoning of Rt. 6 must be done with or without the Statewide Planning Grant; Look at Rt. 6 from Connecticut to the Scituate line. Workshop #1: I. D. the goals of the project, taking into consideration the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development Advisory Committee proposal, the Town's Affordable Housing Plan requirements for Rt. 6. Workshop #2: Get Plat and Lot numbers, Soil Maps, and sight distances and traffic studies. It was suggested to schedule the first workshop on Saturday, November 18, 2006, from 8:30 am – 11:30 am.

Mike Carpenter volunteered to get the RIDOT information, John Lewis will ask Richard and Nancy for maps and the Board will need ten copies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Planner's Report

None

Future Agenda Items:

1. Subdivision regulations pertaining to alternative septic system designs
2. Ordinance revisions
3. Scenic Roads – Public Hearing
4. Possibility of having a Subdivision Suitability workshop
5. Comprehensive Permitting Process Review by the Town Solicitor
6. Consultant Toni Lachowitz's update on the Ordinance Revisions – TBA

Adjournment

Julia Parmentier moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, Don Moyer seconded, motion carried 6-0, meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helen Hardy
Secretary