



**PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
TOWN OF FOSTER  
Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Julia Parmentier, Chair.

**B. Roll Call**

Present were Julia Parmentier, Chair; Pat Moreau, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; Don Moyer, Mike Carpenter; John Neale; and Tom Mercier. Also in attendance was Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

Patricia Moreau moved to accept the minutes of August 15, 2007, with corrections. Tom Mercier seconded. John Neale, Mike Carpenter, Don Moyer, Helen Hardy and Pat Moreau voted aye. Julia Parmentier and Tom Mercier abstained.

**D. Correspondence**

RI Tree Council Flyer

**E. Board Member's Report**

1. John Neale, the Land Trust liaison reported that the Land Trust was currently in negotiation. Extra money from grants is being used to develop good management plans for current properties. Town conveyance money must be used for purchases only.
2. Mike Carpenter, Affordable Housing liaison, reported that the Housing Board met on August, 27, 2007, members are continuing research in the Town Hall to determine if some existing housing may qualify as affordable housing. On September 10, 2007, Joseph Garlick from the Neighborhood Works of Blackstone Valley will be a speaker. Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, notes that this group has received numerous awards.

**F. Planner's Report**

1. Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, will have the Monthly Report for August available at the next meeting.
2. Request for Proposal for GIS update: This will be submitted to the Town Council for their meeting on September 13, 2007. We are looking for matching funds from State Planning (Challenge Grant).
3. We should know about the Grant funds requested for the Town House on September 17, 2007.
4. We are also waiting to hear about funds for an Emergency Generator for the Capt. Isaac Paine School. This is a grant that was offered through RIEMA—and we had less than 24 hours to respond. Great group effort by all got it done.

**G. Administrative Subdivisions**

None.

**H. Minor Subdivisions**

None.

**I. Major Subdivisions**

None.

**J. Non-Commercial Site Review**

None.

**K. Old Business**

Five-Year Road Plan: Brad Gove had a conflicting appointment. Tom Mercier moves to table this item until next workshop. Pat Moreau seconded the motion. Carried 7-0.

**M. New Business**

**Goals for 2008**

- Zoning Ordinance revision, including Conservation Subdivisions
- Subdivision Regulations revision from Ann-Marie Ignasher
- Rte. 6 Rezoning and Ordinance Revision
- Affordable Housing Ordinance Revisions
- Special Area Management Plan (Village Zoning)
- Growth Management Review
- Five-Year Road Plan
- Develop and forecast Capital Budget Plan and prioritize (review Capital Budget letter)
- Communications technology
- Alternative power sources: wind, solar that have low impact with high return.
- Scenic Roads
- Recreational Hiking Trails
- Need to be able to copy and reproduce maps
- Community Vision
- Other Ordinance Revisions

**N. Future Agenda Items**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop meeting:

- Proposal for Zoning Revision (Tony Lachowicz)
- Five-year Road Plan

**M. Adjournment**

Helen Hardy moved to adjourn at 9:00. Tom Mercier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy  
Secretary