



**PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF FOSTER  
South Foster Fire Station, Mt Hygeia Road, Foster, RI  
Wednesday: May 21, 2008, 7 – 9 P.M.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present were Julia Parmentier, Chair; Pat Moreau, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary, Board Members Mike Carpenter, Tom Mericer, Marcia Bowden, John Neale. Also present was Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner.

This was a Public Hearing: Present were Peter Carlson, Myra Mercier, Pam Fontaine, Lynne Rider, Judy Olivo, Louise Bouvier, Roger Bouvier, Michael Kachanis, Fran Gast, Beatrice Gabriele, Clodomiro Gabriele, Steve Goulet, Chris and Diane Potter, Terry Benson, Theresa Tally, Robert Lindsay, Chris Ulrich, Jane Christopher, Michael Paolucci, Karen Morgan, Lucy Minturn, Gordon Rogers, Hayley Rogers, Maureen McEntee, Jade Realty Inc., Thelma and Ray Hohler, Pat Morgan, Gladys Edson Brayton, Ralph H Carlino Jr., Sal Lombardi and Robert Moreau.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

(Listed for informational purposes only-vote to approve on June 4, 2008)

March 29, 2008 – Rte 6 Re-Zoning Workshop

April 26, 2008 – Rte 6 Re-Zoning Workshop

May 7, 2008 – Planning Board / Housing Board Workshop

May 10, 2008 – Rte 6 Re-Zoning Workshop

**D. Correspondence and Review**

None

**E. Board Members' Reports**

None

**F. Planner's Report**

None

**G. Administrative Subdivisions**

None

**H. Minor Subdivisions**

None

**I. Major Subdivisions**

None

**J. Commercial Site Reviews**

None

**K. Old Business**

None

**L. New Business**

Julia introduced the meeting's purpose and started with a slideshow presentation.

Comments and concerns were taken by the Public:

Sal Lombardi – likes the plan and had a concern about eyesores discouraging other businesses from coming.

Terry Benson – wanted to know if the whole town would vote on these changes.

Bob Moreau – Wanted to know if there would be design guidelines for developments.

Gordon Rogers – Wanted to know if existing businesses would be grandfathered in, he purchased property on Rte 6 in which he plans to develop.

Gladys Brayton – Her property is zoned commercial with businesses on either side.

Pat Morgan – Has a commercial business next to them, she's been trying to correct it for 4 years. What will be done about protecting the residences?

Sal Lombardi – Zoning enforcement seems like a big problem in this town. Unless people know zoning ordinances will be enforced they will not want to invest.

Gabriele – will the whole properties which are now commercial stay as is?

Terry Benson – On the 3 proposed groups could any property be taken by eminent domain.

Gordon Rogers – High H2O table – cant' build a business or a house.

Lynne Rider – This is just the beginning of the process

Judy Oliva – a lot that is next to a commercial lot, the property owner should have a say in the determination of the zone of the lot.

Terry Benson – Can we send a questionnaire to each property owner to find out what they would like with their lot.

**M. Future Agenda Items**

June 4 – David Filippone

June 18 – Foster Bait Shack continuation

**N. Adjournment**

Formal presentation went until approximately 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary