



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
TOWN OF FOSTER**

**Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI  
Tuesday: January 13, 2009 7:00 p.m.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Julia Parmentier at 7:06 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present from the Planning Board were Julia Parmentier, Chair; Pat Moreau, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; Tom Mercier, Marcia Bowden and John Neale. Member Michael Carpenter arrived at 7:30. Also present were Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner; John Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor; John Lewis, Town Council; Robert Wallace and Joe McGovern, School Department; Tom Walden, Engineering Board; Robert Clarkin, DPW; and Chief Robert Coyne, Police Chief.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

John Neale moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2008; Tom Mercier seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5 -0.

**D. Correspondence and Review**

None

**E. Board Members' Reports**

None

**F. Planner's Report**

None

**G. Commercial Site Reviews**

None

**H. Administrative Subdivisions**

None

**I. Minor Subdivisions**

None

**J. Major Subdivisions**

None

**K. New Business**

Review of Capital Improvement Budgets: Budget that is available from past years is \$444,000.

Engineering Board – presented by Tom Walden

Engine being replaced is 20 years old and this is its replacement schedule. Rescue 1 is 8 years old and is on its replacement schedule. Tom cannot recommend postponing either vehicle over the other. Tom will get back to Planning Board by 2/4/09 on prioritizing the requests.

Town Clerk's Office – Tina Freeman was not present but submitted a request.

Request is for storage containers for the vault. Tina will be asked if any of this can be deferred and if some can be deferred if there can be prioritization.

School Department – represented by Superintendent Robert Wallace and Joe McGovern

Air conditioners wanted for 3 rooms – room 1 is storage for computer system server. In the library the high humidity has caused molding in some books and the Staff Lounge is in between the two other rooms. Rooftop units could be connected to current controls.

Tom Mercier asked about getting a grant funded from Homeland Security

Mike Carpenter can get a floor controlled unit; he suggests there should be a better needs analysis and bringing in professional help.

Marcia asks if the library could use a dehumidifier.

Mold is a concern for student's health and public safety health.

Julia is concerned with energy efficiency/air quality management; companies are able to do a more comprehensive evaluation.

Mr. Wallace says that it would be possible to defer but there is a price to pay and he doesn't know what the price is.

Mr. Bevilacqua suggests that public health/air quality is a priority

Mr. McGovern noted that mold testing is done annually.

It was suggested by the board members Marcia, Tom and Mike that an Engineering Study which determines need and appropriate remediation before spending money on equipment. Pat suggests that an A/C be

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obtained to protect the server while the Engineering Study is completed. The School Dept will come back on 2/4/09 with an update.

Police Department – presented by Chief Coyne

Police Department's request for \$27,000 is for 2<sup>nd</sup> lease payment for the cruiser.

Dept of Public Works – presented by Robert Clarkin

A. Building grounds -

- 1) Wash bay – this item was approved 2 years ago (2006) low bid received \$105,000; \$50,000 is a DEM matching grant. Mike Carpenter suggests that the Town use Gloucester or another community truck wash for a fee; or possibly put it in a contract with Scituate to do their trucks. Will come back on 2/4/09 with more information.
- 2) Nike Site – North West Special Education rents a building and this building needs work. The project is \$40,000; the worth of the building from rent is \$14,000 to the Town. Ann-Marie Ignasher will find the report, read it and report back on 2-4-09.

B. Road Paving –

- 1) Howard Hill Road - from Rte 14 to Walker to Town Offices; 3 ½ miles;  
\$150,000 – rebuilding road

Anthony Bridge – Winsor Road - Street Sweeper prioritization is necessary

Planning Department –

\$30,000 for consultants for Emergency Operations Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This could possibly be delayed a year.

Pat Moreau made a proposal to allow \$20,000 for a grant writing consultant.

### **L. Old Business**

### **M. Future Agenda Items**

January 21 – Nassar / Round Hill Road – Storage Yard

Nassar / Round Hill Road – Filling + Grading

Outdoor Hydronic Heater – Draft Ordinance

February 4 – Capital Budget Workshop cont'd

February 28 – Saturday Rte 6 Workshop

### **N. Adjournment**

Helen Hardy moved to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary