



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF FOSTER**  
**Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI**  
**Wednesday: February 4, 7:00 p.m.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Julia Parmentier, Chair at 7:04 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present from the Planning Board were Julia Parmentier, Chair; Pat Moreau, Vice Chair; Helen Hardy, Secretary; members John Neale, Tom Mercier, Mike Carpenter, and Marcia Bowden. Also present were Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner; Tom Walden, Engineering Board; Tina Freeman, Town Clerk; Sharon Cotter, Ambulance; Bob Wallace and Joe McGovern, School Department.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

Tom Mercier moved to table the minutes of January 13, 2009 and January 21, 2009 until February 18, 2009. Pat Moreau seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

**D. Correspondence and Review**

**E. Board Members' Reports**

None

**F. Planner's Report**

**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:

Town Clerk's Office - Tina Freeman presents her request for cabinets and other fire proof furniture for the Town vault. She discussed that all wood furniture that is currently in the vault must be removed and replaced with fire proof furniture.

School Department – Bob Wallace and Joe McGovern presented their requests. Mr. Wallace reported that they had received information to air condition the whole building. \$100,000. He gave the board a new and more specific quote totaling \$33,800.

Mike Carpenter asked about the mold issue. Mr. McGovern said that new heating controls have improved the air quality in the school. Julia asked if the school ever had an energy audit. Mr. McGovern said a couple of years ago they had one and it resulted in changing all the lights in the school as well as a few other features. The school will be eligible to have it done again next year with no cost.

Julia is concerned that whatever is installed be the most energy efficient units available.

Mr. McGovern said that units listed are on the State "bid list". He stated that the numbers were low.

Marcia asked whether the priority was the IT closet. Mr. Wallace said the IT rooms and the library. Julia asks about getting regular air conditioners just for the IT closet. Mr. Wallace and Mr. McGovern explained that there is no exterior wall and an air conditioner would need to be vented outside the room.

Mike says it's better to do something that takes a step toward a final solution. Mr. Wallace asks that the Planning Board give the best they can and the school will do what they can with whatever is allocated.

Mr. McGovern says the state reimburses the Town 33% for capital improvement which reduces the cost to \$23,000.

Engineering Board – Tom Walden and Sharon Cotter presented their request. There are two (2) rescues available. One rescue is eight (8) years old and it would be ten (10) years by the time it will be replaced. There are six (6) fire trucks (house fires) and three (3) brush trucks available in town. Mike says that since money is limited, rebuilding existing trucks must be considered as an option. Tom says one other option is going to be bond issue or a lease to buy option. Another option is to create a "fire district".

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5 minute recess begins at 8:16 and ends at 8:21 p.m.

Dept of Public Works – Ann-Marie Ignasher will present this request.

Priority 1: Street Sweeper \$15,000

Priority 2: Nike Site \$40,000

Priority 3: Road Paving \$100,000

The Board discussed the proposal for each department and arrived at:

Town Clerk - \$ 11,600

Planning - \$ 15,000

Police - \$ 26,409

DPW - \$155,000

Engineering- \$130,000

School - \$ 0

\$338,009 (leaving \$101,991.00 for 2010-11)

Tom moved to recommend to the Town Council the totals monies from above for expenditures on the Capital Budget, totaling \$338,009.00 leaving \$101,991.00 in the Capital Reserve. John Neale seconded. Motion carried unanimously. 7 – 0.

Julia will send letters to the Department Heads.

The February 28<sup>th</sup> Rte 6 meeting is preempted by the Town Council budget meeting. This meeting is re-scheduled for Saturday March 28, 2009.

**L. Old Business**

**M. Future Agenda Items**

February 18 – Outdoor Hydronic Heater – Draft Ordinance

Minor Subdivision – Sajkowski - Plainwoods Road Plat 1 Lot 62

Pre-application - Robert/Hilda Crispi Plat 7 Lot 0002D

February 28 – Rte 6 Workshop/Ordinances

March 4 - Commercial Site Review – Mike’s House of Ink

March 18 – Jean Nassar – Commercial Site Review cont’d

**N. Adjournment**

Tom Mercier moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hardy, Secretary